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MINER ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEET

John J. Reiss was re-elected president of the Miner Community Association at the annual meeting held at the Community Building Tuesday night. The other officers are: W. F. Woods, vice-president; Ben O. Matthews, Treasurer and Mrs. Wade Malcolm, secretary. The officers and Fred Paul make up the Board of Trustees for the Association.

More than forty people were present Tuesday night at the meeting an excellent supper was served by the ladies of the Association after which a round-table discussion was held and the trustees were elected. The trustees then elected the officers.

Mr. Reiss, in his talks throughout the evening pointed out where in every enterprise there is friction and disagreement, but that there had been little of it at the Miner Association and that co-operation was the keynote of the success of such an organization.

The reports of the various committees were read and a vote of thanks was given each. The program committee, which has put on a program or entertainment on the average of at least once a month reported a slight profit after all expenses had been paid.

When the present building was built after the old one had been damaged by the storms last year, the men of the community were called on to donate hours of work. The report of the building committee showed that some fifteen men had volunteered from 2 to 137 hours of work each for the purpose of constructing the Community House.

The program committee for the following year is composde of: Mesdames C. W. Smoot, C. E. Kaufman and Paul Buchholz. The agriculture committee: C. E. Kaufman, Roland Malcolm. Paul Buchholz, Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Suchman.

Miss Marian White, of the College of Agriculture, gave a food demonstration at the Community Building Wednesday night.

IT OCCURRED TO ME

Inquiry at the Post Office failed to disclose the number of fan letters written to Richard Dix following the showing of Shanghai Bound the first part of the week. It was gratifying to Dix, however, to find that the Sikeston maidens still loved him.

The cast of Shanghai Bound consisted, like the male quartette, of Richard Dix and some others.

A ladies' quartette consists, so we are told, of a soprano and three others, while a male quartette consists of a tenor and three accomplices.

The moral of the picture was, as in 1919, "The Navy will take them home". Richard is some taker, too.

I was so hepped after seeing this picture that I went to Shep's and purchased a movie mgaazine.

After looking at the picture on the cover I was glad to see that the girl's name was printed thereon. You could not tell who it was without the printed name.

Will Hays and McCutchen please note.

Approaches now the day for large and frequent voting.

ROGER BAILEY ANNOUNCES

Roger A. Bailey has announced his candidacy for re-elcetion to the office of City Attorney. Mr. Bailey has been City Attorney for six years, being elected the first time in April, 1922 while he was still a student at Washington University in St. Louis. He was at that time less than twenty-one years of age. Since that time he has been re-elected twice without opposition. Mr. Bailey, in annuoncing for re-election, says that there is quite a bit of unfinished business on hand which he would like to see cleared up before he goes out of office and that since he has started the work and is familiar with it that he would like to finish it.

ATTENTION

Read all the alluring prices over in this paper than come to the Sikeston Merc. Co. and we will sell it for less if we have it. We are selling out.

There are openings at the Chillicothe Business Collgee now for two young men to work their way thru a business, telegraph, banking or civil service course. Those interested should write the college.

GOV. SMITH DENIES SINCLAIR CONTRIBUTED TO CAMPAIGN

Albany, N. Y., March 20.—Gov. Smith tonight characterized as 'demagogic slander' statements made before the Senate Tea Pot Dome investigating committee yesterday that Harry F. Sinclair, a prominent figure in the oil scandal has been a heavy contributor to the New York State Democratic gubernatroial campaign in 1920.

Records in the New York Department of State, reaching back to 1922? disclosed that since that time Sinclair had made no contributions to any of Gov. Smith's campaign funds. The records in the Secretary of States' office are not required by law to be kept for more than two years. It also became known at the Capitol that in no case have contributions for any of his campaign funds been made directly to Gov. Smith, whose practice it has been to direct that all contributions be turned over to the Democratic State organization.

MUSIC AT M. E. CHURCH SUN.

Sunday morning the Anthem—"Come Unto Me", Schubert Seranade, will be sung by 12 voices.

Sunday night, the quartette will sing, "Oh, It Is Wonderful", by Gabriel.

Misses Lillian Kendall, Tylene Kendall, Helen Welsh and Mrs. Orlando Arthur were visitors to Poplar Bluff, Wednesday.

ONE DOLLAR BILL FOR NINETY CENTS ARE OFFERED

There have been bargains and bargains offered in Sikeston, but $1 bills for 90c looks like a real one. Greener's Store is offering the first fifty persons entering their store Saturday morning fresh new $1 bills for 90c.

Last week a letter writing contest was announced whereby $10 would be given for best letters, but in the meantime so many persons have told Mr. Baty, the manager of the store, that letter writing is too hard, that he has decided to give the $10 away in a different manner. He is going to give a ticket to each person entering the store and at 5:00 o'clock, a small girl will draw the winning numbers. The little girl will herself get a new bill, Mr. Baty said.

Social Meeting of the W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will have a social meeting at the home of Mrs. John A. Young Wednesday afternoon, March 28. A program and a playette will be the feautre of the afternoon. The playette "A Dream Come True", given by five young girls, will be interesting. All members and friends are invited.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will give a bake sale Saturday at Davey's Plumbing Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Stubbs of San Diego, Calif., were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horne Saturday and luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer, Tuesday.

NATIONAL RED CROSS FIELD WORKER HERE

Mrs. Marion G. Keith, national field representative of the American Red Cross, is in Sikeston this week in preparation for the meeting of the local chapter Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. At that time the members will be organized into an active chapter.

Mrs. Keith is working in conjunction with E. C. Matthews, the present county chairman, and Lyle Malone, chairman of the nomination committee. It is hoped after the organization to get a permanent case worker for Sikeston that this county may take care of its own cases in a business-like manner.

The officers for the coming year and the members of the executive committee will be appointed at the meeting Monday afternoon. Every member in the county is urged to be present. Mrs. Eula Shanks and L. M. Stallcup are also members of the nominating committee which will present names to be voted on.

Fined For Stealing Junk

Willie Robinson, 15-year-old negro boy, charged with stealing junk from another negro boy, plead guilty before Justice Jos. W. Myers Wedneday and was fine $5 and costs. The fine was stayed 30 days as it was the boy's first offense.

TEN MEMBERS OF LOCAL M. E. CHURCH ATTEND MEET

About ten members of the local Methodist Church attended the business meeting of the Cape Girardeau District Conference which was held at East Prairie Monday and Tuesday.

The conference was well attended. Bishop W. F. McMurray was the main speaker Monday night. The Rev. Webdell, chaplin of the Barnes Hospital of St. Louis and Dr. L. E. Todd, also of St. Louis, spoke before the meeting Monday and Tuesday.

Among those present from here at the meeting Monday were: Rev. C. C. Barnhardt, C. E. Brenton, Frank Van Horne, Ranney Applegate, W. E. Hollingsworth and Ralpph Anderson. Bishop McMurray had dinner here with Dr. and Mrs. Barnhardt and drove over with the Rev. Webdell on Monday night for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Ralpph Anderson also attended the Monday night meeting. The Cape Girardeau District includes all M. E. South churchesf rom Cape Girardeau south to Hayti.

Billie Anderson visited in Commerce. Tuesday.

Mesdames Harry Young, John A. Young and Chris Francis motored to Cairo, Tuesday.

Leland Lingle, former coach and principal at the Sikeston High School, who has been visiting friends here for the past few days has returned at Carbondale, Ill., where he is now head coach.

BOND DENIED ACCUSED MEN BY SUPREME COURT

Bond for three accused men, held in jail at Benton in connection with the slaying at Chaffee last October of B. M Hargett, Frisco railway brakeman, has been denied by the State Supreme Court, it was learned Wednesday. The men, under the ruling, must remain in jail until their trial, which is scheduled for the April term of circut court at Jackson.

The supreme court was appealed to by defense counsel on a writ of habeas corpus, but in its ruling, the court refused to grant bail. Previously, at a hearing before Judge Frank Kelly at Benton, bond had been denied.

The accused men are: R. H. Stogsdill, former railway detective, and George Fowler and Coy Lasley, former railway epmloyes.

A. M. Spradling, of the defense counsel, said today the defense expects to be ready for trial at the April term of court. The case was sent to Cape Girardeau county on a change of venue from Scott county.

Mrs. T. C. McClure had a few friends in for bridge Tuesday afternoon.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Annie Winchester on Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting and social hour the members went in a body to call on Mrs. E. J. Keith, who is convalsecent from a serious operation for appendicitis.

LEGION FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

At Wednesday's meeting of Henry Meldrum Post No. 114 it was decided to go ahead with the plans for the Second Annual Legion Fourth of July Celebration, and make the show bigger and better than ever before.

Harold Hebbeler was selected as General Chairman due to the way he performed those duties last year and the money he put into the Legion treasury as profit from the celebration. Before the Legion can do anything definite on a Community Building it must have the cash on hand, and the July Fourth Celebration is one of the methods used to secure that item.

Hebbeler is at work selecting his committee chairman and they will be announced at an early date, and plans and work will start for each member of the Legion living in the community.

Last years celebration will be studied to profit by the errors made at that time, and everything points to a larger show this year. The Legion will welcome any suggestions from its friends relative to concessions or entertainment.

The present plan includes the former policy of making it a purely Legion and Auxiliary affair in so far as concessions are concerned. It is thought best to have no professionals, but to do the best that can be done by the local people, and thereby keep the money in Sikeston, where the Legion can spend it with the people that spent it with the Legion.

The Drum and Bugle Corps proposition that was decided upon at the previous meeting is progressing, and the instruments will be ordered this week.

The detailed proposition relative to making the lot just east of the Missouri Pacific passenger station into a Legion Square will be taken up with the railroad authorities this week. Plans have been drawn up covering the walks to be constructed diagonaly across the plot, flower beds to be made, and the trees and shrubs to be set out, and the general improvement of this piece of property.

It is hoped that money can be secured to erect a flag pole in the center of the plot and the Post plans to secure a bronze tablet to be affixed to a boulder. The tablet to dedicate the Square to those men of this community who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War.

The value of such improvement can hardly be estimated when the resulting advertising for Sikeston is taken into consideration. In the course of one day practically every citizen of Sikeston passes the location, and every outsider who enters Sikeston is almost forced to pass the place as he enters or leaves town.

Practically every civic organization in Sikeston is now planning on community improvement, and this is in line with that program. The city which is to amount to anything must look ahead and plan for the future.

We now have two parks and this will make another one, all of which help to beautify Sikeston and to make it a better place in which to live.

The plans when approved by the Missouri Pacific will be carried into effect as soon as possible. At present it is planned to have all Legionaires and others who can give a few hours labor, turn out and in one day we can transform the vacant lot into a little park that we can all be proud of.

The Legion is always ready and willing to assist in any move that is for the good of Sikeston.

It was learned that C. C. Chapman, Division Superintendent of the Missouri Pacific was in Morehouse and when a Legianiare visited him Thursday with the plans of the proposed Legion Square, Mr. Chapman was heartily in favor of the proposition and requested the detailed plans and stated that he would take up the matter in person with the St. Louis office.

This practically assure Sikeston of immediate action in this bit of community improvement. As soon as something more develops in this matter, the local Post will go on with its plans with the Legion Square.

Herschel P. Tyre will visit in Cape Girardeau for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welsh, Miss Helen Welsh and Harvey Johnson were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Sunday afternoon.

The Woman's Club will have their next meeting at the home of Mrs. L. O. Rodes Tuesday afternon, March 27. The program, "Know Your County and Town", with Mrs. C. C. White as leader.

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE Co

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Shoe Sale Continues

Growing Bigger Each Day

Never before in Southeast Missouri was such a stock of shoes offered at such prices---

95c $1.95 $2.95
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The above prices are the group prices for the entire stock, which includes Ladies' Fine Shoes, Men's Fine Shoes, Children's Fine Shoes, and Men's Work Shoes.

To the people of Southeast Missouri who have already visited our Bargain Basement during this sale it has truly been a revelation.

To those who have not visited it we desire to say you are missing one of the greatest bargain events ever offered.

Buckner Ragsdale Bargain Basement

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ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney
ROGER A. BAILEY

"The names of Farnk Mount and J. F. Cox will appear on the school election ballot April 3 for re-election, by request of the other four members of the board and with the consent of the men named".

The above is the first paragraph of a news article carried elsewhere in this issue of The Standard. There are no better men in the city than these two men, but the thing that doesn't set well in a democracy is to have the school board tell the voters who to elect, just as though the Board owned the school buildings and the voters. The attitude taken by the School Board for several years has been of a dictatorial nature that has not set well in some quarters. For one, we would like "the people" to have something to say about who they want and if the balance of the Board refuse to act with them, as was intimated once before, let them resign and give us a new set from top to bottom.

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The Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion is doing things and among them is a proposal to make the Missouri Pacific lot on Front Street into a Legion Park. At present the lot is used for baseball games, sheriff's sales or whatnot. When the Legion's proposition goes through, and we believe it will, this lot will be transformed into a beautiful garden spot. In order to make this lot into a park it is going to take work. The Legion members are going to work alright but it will also take outside co-operation, so if you are called upon to do something for the proposition—do it and be glad to do so.

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The vacant lots—and streets for that matter—in the business district, are getting so full of dogs, every now and then that most any university campus wuold be ashamed of itself. We are not urging the wholesale shooting of the pups—just keep them at home.

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The music of Mrs. Bess Cook's orchestra at the Malone Theatre is a very pleasing feature. The Malone has a splendid bill of attractions for the month of April mention of which will be found in another column.

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Several readers or subscribers to The Standard have paid no heed to subscription statement recently sent out. It is hoped they will apply the Golden Rule and either tell us to go to no further expense for paper or postage, or pay up. The subscription hardly pays the postage and for the white paper, and a hundred or two who do not pay promptly leaves us with a heavy deficit. We have no intention of causing any embarrassment, but at the same time we only want what is due us.

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According to the calendar and usages in the United States, Spring came in March 21. While the day was cool it was clear and beautiful. A few weeks of this sort of weather will make the most of us forget the lean and gloomy months that have passed.

HAVE YOUR SHOES REBUILT
Out Hgh Rent District
Guaranteed to save you money.
Ladies' best leather soles and heels $1.00
Boys' best leather soles and rubber heels $1.25
Men's best leather soles, rubber heels $1.50
Children's work according to size
E. H. HELLER
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Yes, We Are Still In Transfer Business

With largest trucks in town to do long and short hauling. Let uus figure with you/on your next hauling or moving.

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Sikeston, Mo.

HERE'S A CHANCE

Sikeston needs a municipal or community building—that is not denied. There is no place here now in which to present community entertainments, no suitable place for a dance, the local company of the National Guard is crowded for room, there is no basketball court or gym which may be used by town people. Here is a chance—look it over and see what you think of it.

A municipal building will be built privately which will meet the needs as outlined by the persons interested in it. The lot and the money for the erection of the building are now available. The building may be built 36x100 or 36x120 feet. The person who owns the lot is willing to build to suit the needs.

This building could be used for community affairs, for speeches, dances, etc., and in addition the various organizations could use it for their meeting place. For instance, the Woman's Club now has no regular meeting place. This building could be arranged with a kitchen, and various banquets, etc., could be held there.

The promoter of the scheme will ask only a fair rental on the building and lot to insure a fair percentage on the investment and with an option to purchase given to a trustee on the property.

The plans for the building are not formulated. If you are interested, kindly inform this office by letter or by stopping in with suggestions or criticism and the matter will be taken up with the promoter.

MRS. FRANK EMERSON OF MORLEY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Frank Emerson of Morley entertained Tuesday with a 1:00 o'clock luncheon complimentary to the members of the Saturday Reading Club and Club friends from Cape Girardeau, Benton, Commerce, Vanduser and Sikeston.

At the close of the luncheon, Mrs. B. F. Johnson of Cape Girardeau gave an outline of the work that needed to be done in the Ninth District and also gave a report of the State Board meeting which she attended last week in St. Louis. Informal talks were made by Mrs. Rickman of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. B. F. Blanton of Sikeston. In the afternoon music and game were enjoyed by the guests.

Out-of-town guests at the luncheon were: Mrs. B. F. Johnson and Mrs. A. R. Rickman, Cape Girardeau; Mrs. B. F. Blanton and Mrs. Fred Jones, Sikeston; Mesdames Ray Lucas and Frank Kirkpatrick and Miss Alma Elmore, Benton; Mesdames W. W. Pell, Charles Beardslee, R. A. Mabrey, Commerce; Mrs. Fred Black, Vanduser; Mrs. E. H. Perry, Canalou; Mesdames Elmer Grant and E. H. Green, Bloomfield.

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN

Cotton sales for Scott and Mississippi Counties up to March 1 were about a third of what they were at the same time last year. March 1, 1927 there had been 16,565 bales sold in Scott County against 4,529 for the same period this year. Mississippi County's sales to March 1 for 1927 were 15,599 and 5373 for this year.

TO OPEN BRANCH HERE

The Simpson Motor Company of Charleston will open a branch here on Malone Avenue about the first of the month handling Oakland and Pontiac cars. E. S. Benjamin, field representative of the Otkland Motor Car Company was in Sikeston Thursday making arrangemests for the opening.

SEZ THE SIKESTONIAN

By I. C. SIKESTON

When the Big Parade strung out over town Wednesday afternoon, some got the idea that the Pied Piper had come to town and was taking all of the children to the land of far away, but it was only the teachers taking their charges from the grade school to the High School to see an "art" exhibit. From one school house door to the other is exactly one mile—we know because one of the teachers said so. Another of the teachers was so tired that she went to bed at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday night.

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Spring made its official entrance Wednesday, according to the calendar. According to the weather man, it has come a couple of times.

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This column is designed to take up as much room as is possible, saying as little as is possible. We leave it to your judgment whether or not it accomplishes its purpose.

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Sign on the Court House flag pole at New Madrid, "No Skateing on these Walks".

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A press dispatch from an exchange says that the jaw strokes of two gum-chewing witnesses in an eastern court were counted, the woman averaging 60 strokes a minute and the man 84 strokes, but we think there must have been an error in the transmission of the message nad it should have been 160 strokes for the woman.

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We have heard of girls having two and even three dates in one "evening", but we know a young man who claims to have had five between 7:00 p. m. and 1:00 a. m.

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Despondency resulting from the effects of celebrating the inheritance of $3000 was given as the cause of the attempted suicide of a army sergeant in Honolulu. What if he had been left a million?

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Mr. T. A. Wilson, Jr., has come through with another poem this time. We wonder who is teaching him all of them Here 'twas:

A little girl from Decater,
Came to sing in the theatre,
When the poor little thing
Got up to sing
She got hit with a rotten tomater.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Auxiliary held a very profitable meeting Tuesday night.

The Auxiliary is making plans to put on a membership drive after Easter and hope to start the drive with a dinner dance.

The Auxiliary is planning to have a stand or two at the Fourth of July Celebration, which the American Legion are planning to have.

The Auxiliary will co-operate with the American Legion in beautifying the Railroad Park and will supply the funds to plant one of the flower beds that will ornament the park. The members will send another box of home-made candy next month.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Harry Dudley, April 4th.

Increasing the number of car-owners lessens the number of pedestrians in two wyas.—Publishers Syndicate (Chicago).

Ex-Congressman Ralph Bailey has definitely announced that he will again be a candidate for the Republican nomination as Congressman from this district.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walden and Mrs. W. R. Griffin attended the District Conference at Senath Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher, Miss Hattie Harp and Mrs. Josie Hart attended the show, "King of Kings" at Cairo Tuesday night.

Harry Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau transacted business here on Wednesday.

J. W. Sarff has accepted a position with an Asphalt Company of St. Louis. Mr. Sarff will be Superintendent and will take up his new work the first of the month. Mrs. Sarff and sons will remain here until the close of school.

A six-reel motion picture show and theatrical will be given by the Agricultural department of the school, Saturday, both afternoon and night, at the Tokio theatre. The music will be renedered by a quartette composed of Motel Shelby, Elizabeth Hart, Maggie Porter and Helen Newcomer. The piano music will be rendered by Jack Hill.

County Superintendent of Schools P. J. Stearns inspected the Morehouse Schools Wednesday. He reported the spinal meningitis epidemic well in hand. No new cases have developed for some time.

The table top factory has been running full force day and night for the past several weeks. Farm work is picking up and with the excellent weather people are becoming more optimistic.

With the annual election of municipal and school officers only two weeks off, no candidates have announced.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL, FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. B. B. Forest met with a very painful accident while picking up some papers from the floor. She ran a point of a pair of scissors far into her hand. She unthoughtfully gathered up the papers where the youngsters had been cutting paper dolls. We are glad to say that so far Mrs. Forest's hand has caused her no serious trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore shopped in Sikeston Monday.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Roy Waters is again able to be out, after being confined to her home for several weeks, having had the misfortune to stick a nail in her foot. We are glad nothing serious resulted.

J. Young, who has been ill the past few weeks with pneumonia, is improving.

Earl Swartz returned Monday from St. Louis, where he has been a few days on business.

Mrs. Dora Waters spent Wednesday in Sikeston with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Gentry.

The seventh and eighth grades basketball teams of Matthews motored out to Canoy school Tuesday to play ball with the Canoy seventh and eigth grades teams. Of course, Matthews with an indoor court, can practice four times where Canoy with an outdoor court might have one practice game. However, at the conclusion of the games, the score was in favor of Matthews. The girls' game 2-0. Boys' game 6-10. A large number was present to see the games.

Mr. and Mrs Edgar Caruthers have returned to Matthews from Flint, Mich. They will reside on a farm near Matthews.

Right In the Social Whirl

All the best people and all the best appetites in Sikeston come to the Star Cafe to dine. It's the smart, gay atmosphere of the place that appeals to people who know they're alive. And our chef and his meals are a hard combination to beat.

Try our table d'hote dinner 50c. It will hit the right spot.

THE STAR CAFE
Gene Potashnick, Prop.
All You Can Eat for 50c

In the Mode of the Moment

Millinery that interprets in a pleasing manner the newest of the season's hat modes. Very low in price when compared to other offerings of equal styling.

The Elite Hat Shop
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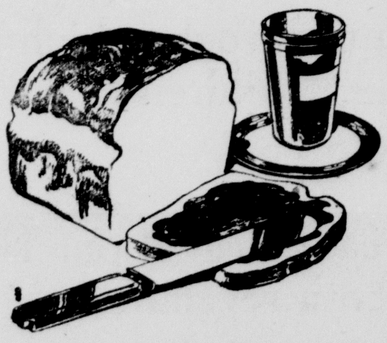

Bread for Spreading

A little 'tween meal snack, for both children and grownups. A generous slice of Schorle's home baked bread covered with a liberal spread of apple, butter or jam. Order a loaf of Butter Krust Bread today and try it.

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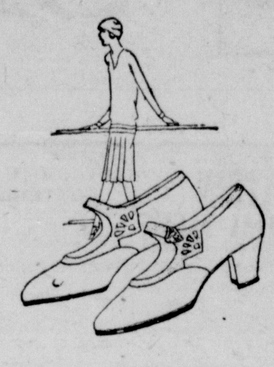
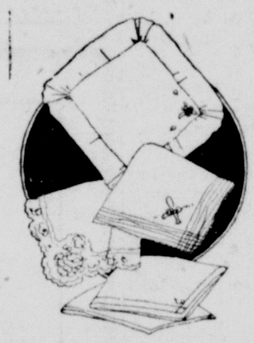


Spring Days Say New Shoes

And we assist you by enabling you to say new shoes in a large variety of styles. An exceptional display of different leathers adds to your range of choice.

The Desired Spring Fabrics

If you have some last minute Easter sewing to do, we urge you to inspect this lately arrived display of new fabrics.



A Liberal Lot of New Kerchiefs

Silk, linen and fine cotton handkerchiefs in a wonderful assortment. The collection comprises lace trimmed, prints, drawn work, initialed and colored borders. Attractive values at our prices.

Choose Your Spring Shoes Here

Here are some of the smartest shoe styles for men that we have ever shown. The quality of the offerings are on a par with the styles shown.

Hard Service Styles in Children's Shoes

There is no question about it, children are hard on shoes. To meet this condition, we have our shoes made ao withstand hard wear. In plenty of new styles for spring.

45—Phones—46

Pinnell Store Company
"The Most of the Best for the Least"

15 CHECKS STOLEN FROM FIRM, 2 CASHED

Charleston, March 20.—Fifteen checks of the Charleston Cotton and Grain Co. were stolen from that office, it was discovered when a forged check for $125, drawn on the company, was received by the company depository, the Charleston Mississippi County Bank. The check had been cashed by the Carbondale National Bank of Carbondale, Ill.

It was learned that the name of a Carbondale firm had been forged to obtain payment.

Another check for $128.60 was cashed by the Boone County National Bank of Columbia, Mo. In this instance, forged endorsement also had been made.

SIX BODIES ARE TAKEN OUT OF SUBMARINE S-4

Boston, March 19.—The bodies of the six members of the crew of the Submarine S-4 who were imprisoned in the torpedo compartment when the vessel was sunk by the coast guard destroyer Pauldin on December 17, last, were viewed by a naval board of investigation this afternoon after the submarine had been placed in the drydock at the navy yard. In the first three-quarters of an hour of their examination the board found no message or other written record.

The board entered the submarine shortly after 9 o'clock and three-quarters of an hour later one of its members stationed at a telephone inside the vessel sent up word of its progress.

He said that the position of the six bodies indicated that all the men had died in their bunks and that later their bodies had been washed out. The body of Lieutenant Graham Newell Fitch was lying under a work bench on the starboard side just abaft the torpedo tubes. It was identified by his Naval Acamedy sweater.

Three bodies were at the foot of a ladder and two in the after part of the torpedo room under bunks. All were covered with mud. There were no shoes on any of the bodies.

All the torpedo tube doors were closed, indicating that the men had made no attempt to escape through them. The torpedo room door into the battery room was tightly closed and "dogged" down and further wedged down with a lead maul and a large pinch bar.

The porthole in this door evidently had leaked, as it had been covered over with rubber held in place by wooden blocks.

There was evidence that the men had used the gas masks in the room.

The listening gear, through which the rescue vessels had pumped air to the men, had been shipped and the stethescopes, which had been removed, were found on the bench underneath which Lieutenant Fitch's body lay.

MAKES DOLLARS WORTH OF FEED WORTH $1.83 AS MILK

"Two members of our association installed drinking cups in their barns last month" is a typical quotation from any Dairy Herd Improvement Association monthly report, while quotations such as the following from New York to California are monthly occurrences.

"Two members put in milking machines nad are receiving excellent satisfaction", says another report, while one "plans to put a second silo for summer feeding". "Water bowls in the stalls increased the return for each dollars worth of feed from $1.25 to $1.83 within a month's time, for one of our members", reports another tester.

These actual reports from Dairy Herd Improvement Association testers is concrete evidence that modern barn equipment, running water systems, silos, milking machines and cream separators are helping reduce dairy labor costs and labor and increasing dairy profits, is the conclusion to be drawn, says the Research Department.

Removal of Stumps and Hedges Increases Land Values

Hedge fences are ornamental but costly, as they take up room and moisture from valuable farm lands which would otherwise return good profits from crops. In fields surrounded by hedge fences there is often a strip of ten or twenty feet around the edge of the field which raises little if any crop as the hedge shades the ground and saps the moisturen eeded by growing crops. Hedges and stumps can easily be removed at small cost by using a stump puller or by pulling with a tractor, says the Research Department.

Fifty thousand spring bulletins setting forth "A New Life in a New World" are being mailed rural teachers throughout six State by the Chillicothe Business College this week.

50 DEER FOR MO. REFUGES COME FROM CANADA

The Game and Fish Department has contracted for 100 additional head of northern white tail deer for state game refuges which will be shipped as fast as they can be trapped. Fifty of these deer come from Canada.

The trapping of deer is something requiring tact and a knowledge of their habits as well as something governed largely by weather conditions. Deer will feed in the hills and far from human beings just as long as they can find food, but when heavy snows cover all vegetation then they come closer to the setltements and towns in search of fodder. It is at such times as this that trapper watch for them and lay their plans accordingly. The trapping is not done the first time the fleet footed animals come closer to civilization from the hills, but is a gradual matter of often requiring three weeks of constant feeding daily, the feed being each time placed closer to the pen and of course can only be done after snow is on the ground and food is scarce. Gradually the deer are fed closer and closer to the large pen, within which is a much smaller one, from which a shute 18 inches wide leads to the crate which is of the same width. The impossibility of haste or impatience in trapping these animals is demonstrated by the fact that even after they enter the larger pen the first time they are permitted to go out again. This is done in order to accustom them to the enclosure and not excite them. When they however enter the smaller enclosure, a man stationed near the gate closes it and this ends the most tedious part of the performance. They are then driven into the shute and from there into the crate in which they are shipped. The crates are made narrow in order to prevent their turning around and being injured. Equal care is taken in releasing the deer when received at the refuges.

WHY ARE SOME SPRAYED APPLES WORMY?

"Why does spraying prevent wormy apples some years and not others" is a question which has been asked by apple growers frequently during the past few years. The answer seems to be that the codling moth, which lays the eggs later developing into the worms found in apples, does not emerge from the pupae stage at the same time each year, while spray calenders have always told growers to spray at the time when most of the blossoms had fallen from the trees. When the codling moth emerges later than this specified time, as it did in 1927, the small wormss oon do a large amount of damage.

Experiment stations are recommending that apple growers establish codling moth breeding cages in their orchards by making a tightly screened cage over a few branches in one or more trees watching for the emergence of the moth before applying the first spray, wiht another ten days later and a third 20 days later, thus insuring a worm free apple crop.

CHARLESTON AND HICKMAN C. OF C. OPPOSE JONES BILL

Charleston, March 20.—The Charleston Chamber of Commerce was host to a delegation from the Hickman (Ky.) Chamber of Commerce at a noonday luncheon at which resolutions were adopted opposing the Jadwin plan for flood control and the Jones bill, whereby the lands of Mississippi and New Madrid Counties are left at the mercy of the Mississippi River at flood times.

Telegrams were sent Senator Hawes and Congressmen William L. Nelson and James F. Fulbright, commending them for their opposition to the measure and requested their continued efforts.

Resolutions also were adopted endorsing the proposed Hickman-Dorena bridge project and the building of a hard road south of Charleston, connecting Missouri with Kentucky.

EXHIBIT ATTRACTS PARENTS

The Home Economics display which was put on at the Sikeston High School Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by members of the House Furnishing class was attended by many parents and other visitors.

The exhibit consisted of four attractively furnished rooms. They were not over furnished, but were properly arranged and made the appearance of a snug four-room apartment. The exhibit was under the direction of Miss Isabelle Hess.

Mooresville—Highway west of here being graded.

Dr. A. J. Martin, dairyman, of East Praire, installed a double unit milking machine, which is driven by an electric motor. Dr. Martin is milking 12 cows and this machine will lighten his work, as it milks two cows at the same time.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL, FROM MATTHEWS

The revival now in progress at the Methodist church under the wonderful evangelist, Rev. Mrs. Blanche Scipes, is creating wide interest. The house wasc rowded Sunday night until there was hardly standing room. There were a number of converts on Sunday night. Those that don't believe in women preaching should come once and hear Mrs. Scipes. Their opinion of women preaching would be changed.

Mrs. J. S. King entertained Sunday night with a card party. The members of the Rook Club and their husbands were in attendance.

Supt. and Mrs. G. D. Englehart and little son spent the week-end with Mrs. Englehart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster at Morley.

William Deane, Jr., and Ellis Reed went to Chaffee Friday, where they played in the tournament on Canalou's independent team.

Mrs. G. D. Steele most delightfully entertained the Afternoon Rook Club Friday afternoon with a St. Patrick party. The house was artistically decorated with green shamrocks. The placards and dainty refreshments carrying out the same color scheme.

Mrs. L. O. Harper and two sons left Thursday for Flint, Mich., where Mr. Harper is now located.

Claude Gurley left Wednesday for Hot Springs, to enter a hospital to recuperate his health. Mrs. Gurley accompanied her husband, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Caruthers returned from Flint, Mich., Thursday, where Mr. Caruthers has been employed for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sigemore of Lesterville spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Settles of Big Opening attended services at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

B. F. Swartz had business in New Madrid Saturday.

The measles and mumps are raging in Matthews.

We are proud to see the interest taken in the Sunday School. There were 130 at the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday.

NEGRO WHO SHOT OFFICER BOUND TO CIRCUIT COURT

Charles Rhodes, 41-year-old negro, who shot and seriously wounder Beverly H. Simms, a deputy constable of Canalou. three miles south of here on February 10, was bound over to the New Madrid County Circuit Court, charged with felonious shooting, in a preliminary hearing before Justice Pete Smith at New Madrid, Tuesday. His bond was fixed at $1,000 which was made.

The entire afternoon was taken for the hearing. There were sixteen witnesses, five for the State and eleven for the defense. Gid Daniels, Brown Jewell and a reporter for The Standard, who heard Rhodes' statement just following the shooting, were among the State witnesses. Ed Coleman, on whose place Rhodes is employed, was a defense witness. The other witnesses were from New Madrid County.

Testimony at the hearing showed that H. G. Cathey had missed gear which Rhodes had used and which Rhodes claimed to have returned. That Mr. Cathey with Constable Simms and a negro who is employed by Mr. Cathey went to the farm where Rhodes was an recovered some of the harness which was alleged to have been stolen. That after leaving the farm it was decided to take Rhodes into custody and that the shooting occurred on the public road following words between the two men.

Tom Gallivan, defense attorney, based his plea on the grounds that it was because his client was a negro that he was being taken advantage of, that it was a case of shoot or be shot, that Simms held a knife, and that Rhodes had done what any man would do under the circumstances.

J. Val Baker. prosecuting attorney, told the court that the color or politics made no difference in this case, that it was a case of a man resisting arrest and an officer being shot down for his trouble of trying to make an arrest without violence, and that Rhodes had no cause to shoot when he had a gun and the officer had none.

Granite landmarks, numbering 240, stretch from the Swiss frontier to the seacoast of Belgium, indicating the limit of the enemy advance in the war.

Three arrests for dynamiting fish were made March 15 by Sheriff Wm. Underwood assisted by District Game Warden M. L. Edwards in Oregon County where they found Ralph McIntyre of Alton and Orville Judd and Leonard McIntyre of Thomasville engaged in this despicable as well as illegal method of killing fish. The men were bound over to the July term of court by E. P. Dorris, Circuit Judge.

Promises Are Good---But Performances Are Better!!

DOLLAR BILLS 90c

Yes! These Dollar Bills are good—so good—a million of them would make you a millionaire. We are going to need lots of change Saturday, and the first fifty men or women that bring us 90c in quarters, dimes and nickels we will give them a Crisp Brand New Dollar Bill. No! You don't have to buy a single thing to get these Dollar Bills at 90c. Just bring us the 90c in change and the Dollar Bill is yours. Of course, this is at Greener's Price Right Store, Beck Building at Front Street.

$10.00 IN GOLD FREE!

Writing a letter is too hard, we have stopped the letter contest, and instead we are going to give every person that visits our store a FREE chance on this $10.00 in Gold. No! You don't have to buy anything, just come in and get your ticket. Saturday at 5 o'clock some little baby girl will draw out six tickets. The holder of the first one she draws will receive a $5.00 bill, and the next five will get Dollar Bills. Just ask for a ticket like the ones you see in the window. One end goes in the box, and you hold the other until the little girl draws out your number. Come Friday or Saturday, everybody gets a FREE chance. Be sure and be in the store at drawing time Saturday at 5 o'clock. Greener's, of course.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COME EARLY AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Hope Domestic 10c

Best quality Nationally known HOPE DOMESTIC. Watch the Headaches this Special will cause in Sikeston. Such a big bargain we are limiting 10 yards to each customer. See it in Greener's Price Right Window tonight.

White Huck Bath Towels 10c

Big heavy, soft, absorbent Huck Bath Towels. Try and match this value in Sikeston? Yes, the echo answers—TRY. See them in the window tonight. They are yours for one little dime Friday and Saturday only.

Women's Hose Men's Socks 5c

Good house hose for women. Ideal for the home or garden wear. These Men's socks are fine for work. Remember—Talk is cheap, but what Sikeston people want is more for their money. Then come to Greener's every day.

SOISETTE PRINTS 35c

There is a big sale of this somewhere in Sikeston at 50c per yard, but why pay 50c when our every day price is only 39c. Tub fast Printed Soisette in many pretty patterns. Special Friday and Saturday.

FREE HAT

A beautiful Easter hat given FREE with every silk or rayon dress. You buy the dress and we give you the hat. Two for the price of one. Remember every dollar you spend at Greener's Price Right Store has lots more CENTS than those spent elsewhere.

FREE BELT

Someone asked Tom Baty if he was trying to give that man Greener's Store away. He said NO—just following out Greener's everyday policy of selling more merchandise of a better quality for less money than you can buy elsewhere in Sikeston at the same price. Free belt goes Men, with every pair of Dress pants Friday and Saturday.

Men's Athletic Union Suits 29c

Men's athletic Nainsook Union Suits at 29c. Not a BIG SALE price, just Greener's every day price. Buy a supply Friday and Saturday and save. Sizes for big and small men, and plenty of them, too.

BOY'S KNEE TROUSERS 39c

Everything you see advertised is placed in the windows tonight. See them with your own eyes, and then come and buy them Friday and Saturday. Here is more Boys' pants for 39c than you have seen in all your days. At Greener's.

GREENER'S

PRICE RIGHT STORE NO. 6 BECK BUILDING---FRONT STREET

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ANNOUNCEMENT

COUNTY OFFICERS

Subject to Democratic primary.

For Circuit Judge
28th Judicial Circuit
FRANK KELLY
of Cape Girardeau

For Sheriff
GEORGE C. BEAN
TOM SCOTT

For Treasurer
H. G. SCHMITZ
C. E. FELKER

For Assessor
C. A. STALLINGS

CITY OFFICERS

For Mayor
N. E. FUCHS

For City Collector
S. N. SHEPHERD
W. ED HOLLINGSWORTH
W. T. COBBS

For Police Judge
JOS. W. MYERS
W. S. SMITH
H. A. WALTON

City Attorney
A. F. HAYMES

For Constable in Richland Twp.
BROWN JEWELL

Subject to Republican primary.

For County Surveyor
JAMES A. COLLIER

NEW MADRID COUNTY

For Treasurer
Subject to Democratic Primary
WADE TUCKER

J. R. Evans of Westport, Tenn., a fiddler, was killed by a train near that city on Sunday. The train probably saved some audience of the necessity.

The Paris Appeal, edited by our brother, Jack Blanton, has been edited the past two weeks by ministers of the city in the absence of the editor in Old Mexico. It was not a bad idea, either, though we did not think the ministers were near so good as the Horse Editor of that paper. The Standard thinks it would be a good idea to let each church in Sikeston try a turn at editorial paragraphing just to see how it goes to try to please and entertain the public. We acknowledge our short comings and confess that we make no attempt to please the public, but do try to be of service in our brutal way. What say you, Mr. Minister?

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This is not a complaint, just a suggestion. Saturdays in Sikeston are usually busy days and many bills and much rubbish of one sort or other is left on the sidewalks and in the streets for Sunday morning. This looks mighty bad for a clean city but mighty good as a busy city. It has been suggested that our street sweeping department take care of the sidewalks and streets early Sunday morning that they may be more sightly. It costs no more to further suggest that the street sweep use the sprinkler while the sweeper is in operation to keep the dust from seeping into the stores and windows.

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In the spring time why do people put manure on the garden spot, on the flower beds, around the shrubs, etc. It is to produce extra yields and force extra growth. Why don't farmers try the same method on their fields by trying commercial fertilizers? It is because they think their lands are sufficiently fertile to produce bumper crops without the expense of paying for the fertilizer. With the scarcity of money for high cost help it seems that the farmer would fare better if he would put out a smaller acreage, use fertilizer to increase the yield and make more money in the end. If the manure on the garden pays, fertilizer in the field would pay. In the older States further East no farmer expects to raise a fair crop without fertilizing everything he plants in the ground and they raise good crops, too.

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Cape Girardeau—Business men considering establishment of school of aviation, founding of an airport and possible location of airplane factory here.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday evening should be largely attended by business men and their wives. Perhaps something will be said and done that will make the world look brighter, and give all of us renewed hope. When we say "and wives" that is just what we mean. No married man should attend without his wife being with him for she is the one that has to listen to the tale of woe and the one who gives the most encouragement. Let us have plenty of short talks and no stale jokes to kill time. Tell us what each of us can do to help our city and our community, and then let's do it.

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The very best advertisement Sikeston can put out at this time is to pave the most traveled streets and especially those leading north and south. We are told nearly every property owner from the Missouri Pacific tracks to the south limit of the city on Kingshighway is opposed paving this important thoroughfare because they cannot see their way to meet the expense. If this is true and we are not doubt it, then the Chamber of Commerce and the City Dads should devise ways and means whereby the work can be taken care of at the same time Malone Avenue is contracted for.

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The Standard office was honored Tuesday forenoon with a call from Senator McCawley of Carthage, who is a candidate before the Democratic voters as their standard bearer for Governor of Missouri. The editor has known Senator McCawley for a number of years and can vouch for his Democracy and his standing as a man. He has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the State for many years and has been a power in the State Senate. He is a convincing talker, is level headed and if honored with the leadership of the State ticket will be a winner in November. He expects to be back in Southeast Missouri in April and will make his headquarters in Sikeston and visit every section. You will like him when you meet him.

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Hon. A. M. Spradling of Jackson was a Standard caller a few days ago. He informed us that he would probably be a candidate for circuit judge of this judicial district and would shortly make his decision on the subject. He is one of the able lawyers of this section and is qualified in every way to fill this important position.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Illmo—Ideal Telephone Company rebuilding line in east part of this city.

Kahoka—Work on new bridge across Fox River progressing.

Neosho—New concrete bridge to be constructed at Hazel Green crossing over Indian Creek 12 miles southeast of here.

Unionville—No. 4 State Highway from here to point about 17 miles east being surveyed preparatory to graveling.

Milam—Q. O. & K. C. Railroad planning to replace its present passenger train equipment on this road with gas-electric trains.

Unionville—Movement under way to surface several streets here with shale.

Flat River— Three new street lights installed on street leading northwest from H. Jennings home.

Polo—Steel gang on Milwaukee Railroad laying new rails from Sturgse to this place.

Monett—Work begun on new highway by golf courses outh of here.

Marionville—Marionville Community Chamber of Commerce making census of dairy cattle of this district.

Jefferson City—Contract awarded for construction of new State Highway Department building.

Union—General store opened in O. L. Vedder building in North Union.

Trenton—Farmers' Exchange Bank and Bank of Trenton consolidated into Farmers' Bank of Trenton.

Pierce City—Windsor Hotel undergoing improvements.

Pierce City—Fertilizer Coproration of America begins operations at its mine northeast of here.

Cameron—Burlington Railway Co. planning to build another track from here to Kansas City.

Hunter—Combination soybean and liming meeting held at Community Theatre here recently.

Doniphan—Contract let by Doniphan Hydroelectric Company for drilling preliminary borings on Current River Hydroelectric project.

Grand Pass—W. M. Uphaus shipped car of hogs to Kansas City from here recently.

Grand Pass—Tile laid on Grand Pass hill to prevent bad seeps in road.

Republic—New route for Highway 16 from Billings to this place surveyed.

St. Charles—St. Marys Oil Engine Works will build big plant addition.

Brashear—Carload of stock shipped from here recently by farm club.

Williamsville—treet lights to be installed here in near future.

Taskee—H. Sayles' bridge crew working on railroad bridges here.

Pleasant Hill—Electric cancelor installed ni local post office.

Clinton—Turbine generator in Missouri Public Service Company's plant here being rebuilt.

Lone Jack—More houses here receiving current from Missouri Public Service Company's power line.

Trimble—Four carloads cattle, six cars sheep and car of hogs shipped from here recently.

South St. Louis—Western Mineral Water Company now located in new plant at 616 Blow Street.

Trenton—Use of home products for surfacing city streets being considered by city council.

Bethany—Middle States Utilities Company to resume installation of new cable plant for Bethany telephone system.

Monett—Excavation for T. J. Roark new grocery store next to Whitlock-Lines building begun.

Monett—Old frame building at corner of Second and Broadway being razed to make room for new Odd Fellows building.

Unionville—Armour Creameries open new produce station here.

Vandalia—Contract let for plumbing and heating of proposed new garment factory.

Centralia—Producers Grain Company shipped carload of cattle and double-deck car of hogs to St. Louis from here on recent day.

Dies After Highway Accident

Dexter, March 19.—Mrs. George W. Grant died here today of injuries received in an accident some weeks ago when the car in which she and her husband were riding on Highway No. 60, near Morehouse, was hit by an automobile driven by an intoxicated driver by the name of Woodruff. Mrs. Grant underwent an operation in an attempt to save her life. The Grant family is one of the most prominent in this community.

As many as 400 different samples of tea may be tasted in one specially busy morning by a tea-taster.

TRACK SEASON OPENS FOR SIKESTON H. S. APRIL 6

Training for the track season for both boys and girls has begun in earnest at the Sikeston High School. About twenty-four boys and half as many girls are out for practice each afternoon.

The first track meet will be a duel meet with Charleston at Charleston on April 6. On April 20 the big inter-county track meet for both boys' and girls' teams will be held here. This is the only inter-county meet in Southeast Missouri with boys and girls events. The Southeast Missouri Track Meet for High Schools to be held at the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau will be on April 28.

WOMAN POSTMASTER ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

Poplar Bluff, March 17.—Mrs. Grace C. Moore, postmaster at Holland, is at liberty today under bond following her arrest late yesterday charged with appropriating postal funds to her own use.

She is alleged to have taken funds totaling about $140 from the postoffice. Arrest was made by Deputy U. S. Marshal King, of this district. She will face trial in federal court at Cape Girardeau on April 9.

SHERIFF GETS STILLS

Sheriff Wade Tucker of New Madrid County took three stills and sixty-five barrels of mash in a raid on a farm about two miles east of La Forge Tuesday morning. A white man, Alfred Dunlap and a negro, Son Edwards, were tending one of the stills at the time of the raid. One of the stills was new and had never been used, one was being used at the time and the third had been disbanded as it had sprung a leak. The men are in the New Madrid County jail awaiting trial. Deputy Sheriff Bill James accompanied the Sheriff on the raid. Sheriff Tucker has gone a long way in cleaning New Madrid of moonshiners and bootleggers, having arrested more than 250 in the two years which he has been in office.

The bagpipe is a very ancient instrument, and appears on the sculphures and coins of Hebrews, Greeks and Romans. A terra cotta of 200 B. C. found at Tarsus, in Asia Minor, shows a figure playing a bagpipe.

Super A-B POWER FOR EVERY RADIO SET

THAT is what the new Exide Super AB Power Unit can give you. Ample power for one hour a night or many hours—for one night or every night. Range of B voltage up to 180 volts.

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Same Price for over 35 years

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USE LESS THAN OF HIGHER PRICED BRANDS

Why Pay War Prices?

THE GOVERNMENT USED MILLIONS OF POUNDS

Never---Never---In Our Life Have We Seen Such Genuine Enthusiasm Over a Selling Out Sale

PACKED—JAMMED TO A POINT OF SUFFOCATION—THE SELLING OUT SALE IS THE TALKING SENSATION FOR 50 MILES AROUND

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we thank our friends and customers for the tremendous response to this sale supreme, and to show our appreciation we are letting down the bars to the greatest money saving values ever recorded in Missouri. There are still immense assortments of quality merchandise that will go before the axe for quick clean up. A few prices that stand out like a light house.

Get Here Some How—Pick Quick!

SUITS FOR LADIES
We want you to see the material. They sold formerly to $75.00 and will make good work wraps or clothing for children. Your choice of rack $2.45

MEN'S FINE NEW HATS, LATEST ARRIVALS, INCLUDING STETSONS, ONE-THIRD OFF

LADIES' HOSE
Gordon Silk Hose, $2.50 grade $1.98
$2.00 Gordon Hose $1.69
$1.50 Gordon Hose $129
$1.00 Gordon Hose 69c
Children's Shoes to $2.00 values at 98c

Every Day At 9:00 A. M. When We Open, We Will Have An Early Bird Special

Bleak Thread, 2 spools 3c
50c Out-size Hose 22c
Ladies' Hats, one lrage rack, all prices assembled to $3 .....69c
Men's sheep-lined coats $3.95
Brown Domestic LL, yd. 7½c
Men's Extra Fine $3.50 Dress Shirts $1.95
$2.00 Dress Shirts $1.29

ALL REMANTS ½ PRICE

Men's Coat Sweaters, part wool, roll neck, in grey or brown. Out they go 98c
Oil Cloth 23c
Men's and boys' fine dress caps, $1.50 values 69c
Men's Shoes and Oxfords, to $6.50 value, now $2.45

Men's Suits and Top Coats ½ Price

Men's Oxfords, $7.50 value, (one rack choice) $3.45
$6.50 Goloshes, closing out $3.95
Ladies' fine footwear to $7.50 values, choice rack. Out they go at $2.85
$4.95 Goloshes, closing out $2.95
Men's fine wool sweaters up to $12.00, now $4.95

Stock up for next fall

Men's Lumber-jacks to $5.00 values, now $1.95
$4.00 black knee boots $2.85
Hood Hip Boots, $6.75 value, now $4.45
Hood Knee Boots, $4.75 value, now $3.35

NOVELTY GOODS, THE ENTIRE LOT IN OUR FRONT SHOW CASE ½ PRICE

Toilet Paper, roll 2½c
Infant's Blankets, light weight, have special for Saturday, while they last .....
10c

Boys' knee pants, all wool, up to $2.50 value .....
49c

LOOK THIS OVER
All knee pant suits, formerly sold to $15, your choice....
$2.49

PAJAMA SUITS
For men, extra quality flannelette, $2.25 values, while they last
$1.19

GORDON HOSE
$1.00 values now.
69c

Our regular higrade silk hose

Lace to the toe tennis shoes, $1.25 value, now .....
69c

Special For Friday and Saturday, children's ribbed medium wt. ribbed union suits, choice lot, sizes 8 to 16 years .....
25c

Special For Saturday
10c toilet soaps, 10 limited to a customer, bar .....
3c

Outing Flannel, yd..9c

Men's Athletic Underwear, one lot, per suit 29c

Men's $1.25 fleeced and ribbed union suits, a snap at 69c

Roll neck cotton sweaters, grey only, $1.25 value, coat style, now 69c

Stamped goods ½ price

Sikeston Mercantile Company

"We Sell What We Advertise"

MOUNT OLYMPUS WILD AND HARD TO REACH

Mount Olympus, which rises from the shore of the Gulf of Saloniki between Thessaly and Macedonia, flanked on the south by the Pence River and on the north by the Vistritza (the ancient Haliacmon), is divided by Petra Pass and by the Vale of Karyai nto thre segments or ranges—the Piertian Mountains on the edge of Macedonia, Low Olympus, whose slopes descend into the Vale of Tempe, and High Olympus in the center. A wild valley, which owes its name to the convent of Saint Denys, runs in almost to the base of the central peaks and to an almost impenetrable depth.

It was here on these inaccesible summits that Hephaistos reared the fair dwellings where the gods drank nectar and ate ambrosia. Neither rain, nor winds, nor snow disturbed the cloudless ether about them. While the Fates engraved the destinies of humankind upon the brazen walls of their palaces, they watched the dances of the Graces, varied at the dictation of the white ramed Muses. Seated on the steps of the throne of Zeus, Themis Justice) inspired his decrees and Iris, swift of foot, who never unlaced her sandals, was her messenger.

Thus life flowed on everlastingly for the 12 great gods and their court on the "holy and terrible mountain".

Under the Macedonian kings the mountain passed from legend into history. In their struggles with the Greeks and Romans its barriers and passes played a contniuous role. It served them as the base of attack and as the base of defense; and only the unbelievable daring of the consul Marcius Philippus overcame the obstacle. He dared the heights of Low Olympus and penetrated as far as the sea with cavalry, elephants and baggage train, traversing steep slopes where the trees of the Callipeuce forest rose tier upon tier and were probably no smaller than the pines. beeches and chestnuts which again cover the whole landscape today.

With this conquest, Olympus for centuries was merely a name. In Middle Ages a monk of the Meteora raised an altar to the Holy Trinity in a secluded valley between the peaks and founded the convent of which later he was to become the patron under the designation of aint Denys. It was probably about this time that the Wallachian nomads drove their flocks to these pastures and gradually substituted stone houses for their usual hovels.

William de l'Isle's map of Greece published in 1707, shoiwng Olympus as Mt. Lacha, indicated to what an extent geographically it had fallen into oblivion. It was not until it became the last refuge of the mountaineers who refused to bow beneath the Turkish yoke that mythology definitely surrendered the mountain to reality. Restored thus to the klephtes, or Greek outlaws, the Armatoles (Greek mercenaries who fought for the Turks) found it an impregnable barrier and as such celebrated it in their folk songs.

But the habits of banditry, though originally enlistedi n a worthy cause, were not easily to be given up. The descendants of the Greek guerrillas (pallikars) who fought for independence and held their Trukish masters for ransom, gradually turned their attention to the traders and travelers who were obliged to use the mountain passes. It is for this reason that today, in the heart of twentieth century Europe, this great knot of mountains, passed evrey day by vessels bound from Athens to Constantinople, is less known than most of Central Africa. Rising between Greece and Turkey it was a safe refuge for the klephtes when soldiers were sent in pursuit of them. The only temptation to penetration was the passion for exploration—and explorers were comparatively rare.

Sonnini, who went to the orient by order of Louis XVI in 1780; the English diplomat, Uquhart, in 1830; Heuzey, the French archeologist, in 1855; the German geograpehr, Heinrich Barth, in 1862; the Englishman, Tozer, in 1865; Gorceix, a member of the French school at Athens, in 1869; Captain Gerstner, the Austrian, in 1875—these adventurers successively assailed the slopes of Olympus, crossing ridges and scaling some of the peaks, such as aint Elias and Sarai and lal, in the wake of Barth, reported the unconquerable nature of the still virgin central peak. It was not until 1904 and 1905 that Cvijic, a Serbian geographer, again attempted the ascension of those mighty bastions where, as the old song has it, "each bush concealed a klepht".

Richter, a German geographer, was to learn to his cost that the song did not lie. In three expeditions between 1909 and 1911 he made fruitless attempts to scale the central height. On the occasion of the last assault the Lolios bandits fell upon and murdered the two gendarems who served him as guards. He himself was taken prisoner nad held for ransom four months in the caverns. Finally the Turkish government paid hte ransom and he was released.

This adventure justified the warning of the engineers who were building the Athens-Saloniki line in 1907 when they advised us not to attempt the ascent to which we had been lured by the grandeur of Olympus, as seen from the plains of Thessaly.

After a visit to the Cyclades and Crete in 1911, we found ourselves in Saloniki toward the end of July, 1913. We had just crossed the liberated Epirus and the Pindus and it was our intention to rejoin the Greek army, which had been victorious over the Bulgars, on the banks of the Struma. But cholera was raging in the ranks of the heroes of Kilkich and it was impossible to return to the front without being vaccinated. Two inoculations were necessary at a week's interval; and it was in this week of enforced rest that wed ecided to make one attack on Olympus and ascend at least Mount aint Elias.

July 30, having made camp on the edge of the forest at a place called Petrostrunga, passing over the ridge wherep robably before us the priests of Dion had gone to make sacrifices to Zeus and Hellos, we reached the littles tone chapel dedicated to Elias, the god's successor, whose dome rises to a height of several meters. Below the chapel stretched a grassy valley, blue with gentians, perhaps the flowery meadows surrounding the palaces where the gods savored a happiness as durable as their everlasting days.

To the south a deep rocky tunnel, still filled with snow, separates Saint Elias from a vast rocky pile with verticle needles. This rises to a hundred-odd meters and is the southernmost of the three central peaks. It is the "Stephan" (crown) on the Kurz map and the throne of Zeus himself.

Laden with two chamois which they had shot, our guides led us straight down into the Saint Denys Valley, followin gthe Mavrolongo ridge. From the point where this ridge leaves the Saint Elias plateau. Kakalos, the head guide, pointed out a spire of rock to the south of the throne of Zeus and divided from it by a deep gulf. 'That", said he, "is the highest point, but no one has ever gone there, and no one ever will". Lower down, under some huge pines, he indicated a woodchopper's hut built of planks. "That is the starting point", he told me, "from which we must try to find, farther to the south, the defile whi chmay possibly take us there".

The man had guessed my secret ambition, and two days later, August 1 instead of returning to Saloniki as we had intended,w e turned in on beds of damp foliage to spend the night at the hut Boissonnas. Christos Kakalos, another hunter called Nico, the two muleteers in charge of the pack animals, and myself. August 2, in spite of fog, sleet and wind, and inadequate equipment, and although deserted by our camera bearers who balked at the first difficulties, we attained, after five hours of climbing under the leadership of Kakalos, the jagged summit which we at fisrt had thought the highest in the chain. Here we paused long enough to erect a small cairn in which we placed a bottle containing our cards, upon which I scrawled some brief data with stiff fingers; we were soaked to the skin.

A sudden gust of wind momentarily swept aside the fog, and high above us, across a bottomless gulf, we beheld a rocky pinnacle, hsining in the sunlight. The awe which overwhelmed Hugo's satyr smote us to the marrow of our bones—"Of a sudden he was dazzled by a flood of light and, the curtain abruptly snatched aside, beheld the terrible gods in their beatific majesty".

Zeus laughed us to scorn. We had lost the battle. There was nothing for it but to beat an ignominious retreat, which we did, with heavy hearts. Presently I got the impression that Christos, who was leading, had lost his way in the fog, which had fallen thicker than ever; he was, it apperaed, veering toward the north, and an instant later we found ourselves performing perilous acrobatics on the almost perpendicular sloppes of the east face of the mountain. Suddenly he stopped at the foot of a vertical crevice.

"Gorphi, apano! That leads to the summit!" he shouted. Did we want to keep on? Did we! "Embros—forward!" The brave chap had refused to acknowledge defeat. He had found the foot of the "ladder" which had been described to me, a ladder so steep in one place that he was obliged to discard the camera with which he was burdened.

The fog had now thinned to a mist and the sun began to warm us. We clambered furiously upward. A final effort and we had won. It was 10:25 a. m. This time we had indeed reached the top of Mount Olympus, and not the mere summit of a minor chain. A little heap of stones far below showed us the peak where we had been so cruely disappointed that we promptly named it the Tarpian Rock. From Mount Parnassus, north of the Gulf of Corinth, to Saloniki, across Thessaly and Macedonia, from the Pindus range to Mount Athos and the island of Skyros, our gaze swept. Beneath us the veil of Iris flung its rainbow tints and above us swept the eagfle of Zeus with cruel, melancholy scream.....Nectar and ambrosia! What a divine savior had life!—Commercial Appeal.

Two bibles were presented to the Sikeston High School last week by the local chapter of the W. C. T. U.

Shipments of Mexican quail to be distributed to the new auxiliary game refuges already established in Missouri have begun March 18 and are coming in lots of 1000 at a time. Ten of these refuges have been selected since the first of the year and are located in Marion, Greene, Newton, Vernon, Hickory, Callaway, Clark, Nodaway, Adair, Macon and Randolph Counties.

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This firm "chooses" to enlist with the first mentioned crowd. And, come to think of it, there are a lot of fighting merchants left in Southeast Missouri who do not seem to know when they are licked. Their courage and bull dog tenacity is an inspiration to those who know the rocky road they have been forced to travel for some years. May their tribe increase.

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Miss Iva Hutchison and Mr. Mitchell of near Tanner were married last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will make their home in Texas.

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell was celebrated by a wedding supper. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charley Curtner, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hutchison and Mr. and Mrs. White. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

S. L Fennimore and Ivy Lewis were among the many men that attended the Bible Class banquet at Sikeston Friday night

Ben Hahn and son made a trip to Dexter Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alsup received a new phonograph Friday afternoon, which means they will have music for a while.

Remember the box supper at Rootwad, March 23. Everybody invited. Girls bring your boxes.

David Allard is on the sick list and was unable to attend the Bible Class banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fennimore of near Tanner gave a surprise birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Fennimore's mother. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Fennimore of Bertrand, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Contazer of Sikeston, Miss Martha Causey, Miss Rubie Little and Ed Smith. The dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. T. W. Patterson and son visited the former's daughter, of Benton, Ill., Saturday and Sunday.

J. S. Hodges and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Burns and family of near Crowder.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood of near Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown of Sikeston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burns, Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Mullin visited Mrs. T. W. Patterson, Tuesday afternoon.

Say, Miss Martha, isn't it fine that Herman Sutton can beat Dallas Wallace's time?

Everyone come to Rootwad Friday night to the box supper and program. A good time is expected and if you don't come you sure will miss something.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will give a bake sale Saturday at Davey's Plumbing Shop.

Orren Wilson, candidate for Circuit Judge of this district on the Republican ticket. was a visitor at The Standard office Tuesday.

The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By
Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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CHAPTER V

Cross-Questions and Crooked Answers.

All unconscious of the slur just cast upon her forty years of single-minded devotion to the Van Gorder family, Lizzie chose that particular moment to open the door and make a little bob at her mistress and the detective.

"The gentleman's room is ready," she said.

Miss Cornelia, obedient to the detective's instructions, promptly told the whitest of fibs for Lizzie's benefit.

"The maid will show you to your room now and you can make yourself comfortable for the night." There—that would mislead Lizzie, without being quite a lie.

"My toilet is made for an occasion like this when I've got my gun loaded," answered Anderson carelessly. The allusian to the gun made Lizzie start nervously, unhappily for her, for it drew his attention to her and he now transfixed her with a stare.

"This is the maid you referred to?" he inquired. Miss Cornelia assented. He drew nearer to the unhappy Lizzie.

"What's your name?" he asked, turning to her.

"E-Elizabeth Allen," stammered Lizzie, feeling like a small and distrustful sparrow in the toils of an officious python.

Anderson seemed to run through a mental rogues' gallery of other criminals named Elizabeth Allen that he had known.

"How old are you?" he proceeded.

Lizzie braced herself. "Thirty-two," she said, with an arch toss of her head.

The detective looked surprised and slightly amused.

"She's fifty if she's a day," said Miss Cornelia, treacherously, in spite of a look from Lizzie that would have melted a stone.

The trace of a smile appeared and vanished on the detective's face.

"Now, Lizzie," he said sternly, "do you ever walk in your sleep?"

"I do not," said Lizzie indignantly. "Don't care for the country, I suppose?"

"I do not!"

"Or detectives?" Anderson deigned to be facetious.

"I do not!" There could be no doubt as to the sincerity of Lizzie's answer.

"All right, Lizzie. Be calm. I can stand it," said the detective with treacherous suavity. But he favored her with a long and careful scrutiny before he moved to the table and picked up the note that had been thrown through the window. Quietly he extended it beneath Lizzie's nose.

"Ever see this before?" he said crisply, watching her face.

Lizzie read the note with bulging eyes, her face horror-stricken. When

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she had finished, she made a gesture of wild disclaimer that nearly removed a portion of Anderson's left ear.

"Mercy on us!" she moaned, mentally invoking not only her patron-saint but all the rosary of Heaven to protect herself and her mistress.

But the detective still kept his eye on her.

"Didn't write it yourself, did you?" he queried curtly.

"I did not!" said Lizzie angrily. "I did not!" and she flounced out of the room in high dudgeon, her pompadour bristling, before he had time to interrogate her further.

He replaced the note on the table and turned back to Miss Cornelia. If he had found any clew to the mystery in Lizzie's demeanor, she could not read it in his manner.

"Now, what about the butler?" he said.

"Nothing about him—except that he was Courtleigh Fleming's servant."

Anderson paused. "Do you consider that significant?"

A shadow appeared behind him deep in the alcove—a vague, listening figure—Dale, on tiptoe, conspiratorial, taking pains not to draw the attention of the others to her presence. But both Miss Cornelia and Anderson were too engrossed in their conversation to notice her.

Miss Cornelia hesitated.

"Isn't it possible that there is a connection between the colossal theft at the Union bank and these disturbances?" she said.

Anderson seemed to think over the question.

"What do you mean?" he asked, as Dale slowly moved into the room from the alcove, silently closing the alcove doors behind her, and still unobserved.

"Suppose," said Miss Cornelia slowly, "that Courtleigh Fleming took that money from his own bank and concealed it in this house?" The eavesdropper grew rigid.

"That's the theory you gave headquarters, isn't it?" said Anderson. "But I'll tell you how headquarters figures it out. In the first place, the cashier is missing. In the second place, if Courtleigh Fleming did it and got as far as Colorado, he had it with him when he died, and the facts apparently don't bear that out. In the third place, suppose he had hidden the money in or around this house. Why did he rent it to you?"

"But he didn't," said Miss Cornelia, obstinately, "I leased this house from his nephew—his heir."

The detective smiled tolerantly.

"Well, I wouldn't struggle like that for a theory," he said, the professional note coming back to his voice. "The cashier's missing—that's the answer."

"Then you don't think there's a chance that the money from the Union bank is in this house?" persisted Miss Cornelia.

"I think it very unlikely.'

Miss Cornelia put her knitting away and rose. She still clung tenaciously to her own theories—but her belief in them had been badly shaken.

"If you'll come with me, I'll show you to your room," she said, a little stiffly. The detective stepped back to let her pass.

"Sorry to spoil your little theory,' he said, and followed her to the door. If either had noticed the unobtrusive listener to their conversation, neither made a sign.

The moment the door had closed on them, Dale sprang into action. She seemed a different girl from the one who had left the room so inconspicuously such a short time before—there were two bright spots of color in her cheeks and she was obviously laboring under great excitement. She went quickly to the alcove doors—they opened softly—disclosing the young man who had said that he was Brooks the new gardener—and yet not the same young man—for his assumed air of servitude had dropped from him like a cloak, revealing him as a young fellow at least of the same general social class as Dale's if not a fellow-inhabitant of the select circle where Van Gorders revolved about Van Gorders, and a man's great-grandfather was more important than the man himself.

Dale cautioned him with a warning finger as he advanced into the room.

"Sh! Sh!" she whispered. "Be careful! That man's a detective!"

Brooks gave a hunted glance at the door into the hall.

"Then they've traced me here," he said in a dejected voice.

"I don't think so."

He made a gesture of helplessness.

"I couldn't get back to my rooms," he said in a whisper. "If they've searched them," he paused, "as they're sure to—they'll find your letters to me." He paused again.

"Your aunt doesn't suspect anything?'

"No, I told her I'd engaged a gardener—and that's all there was about it."

He came nearer to her. "Dale!" he murmured in a tense voice. "You know I didn't take that money!" he said, with boyish simplicity.

All the loyalty of first-love was in her answer.

"Of course! I believe in you absolutely!" she said. He caught her in his arms and kissed her—gratefully—passionately. Then the galling memory of the predicament in which he stood—the hunt already on his trail—came back to him. He released her gently, still holding one of her hands.

"But—the police here!" he stammered, turning away. "What does that mean?"

Dale swiftly informed him of the situation.

"Aunt Cornelia says people have been trying to break into this house for days—at night."

Brooks ran his hand through his hair in a gesture of bewilderment. Then he seemed to catch at a hope.

"What sort of people?" he queried sharply.

Dale was puzzled. "She doesn't know."

The excitement in her lover's manner came to a head. "That proves exactly what I've contended right along," he said, thudding one fist softly in the palm of the other. "Through some underneath channel old Fleming has been selling those securities for months, turning them into cash. And somebody knows about it, and knows that that money is hidden here. Don't you see? Your Aunt Cornelia has crabbed the game by coming here."

"Why didn't you tell the police that? Now they think, because you ran away—"

"Ran away! The only chance I had was a few hours to myself to try to prove what actually happened."

"Why don't you tell the detective what you think?" said Dale at her wits' end. "That Courtleigh Fleming took the money and that it is still here?"

Her lover's face grew somber.

"He'd take me into custody at once—and I'd have no chance to search."

He was searching now—his eyes roved about the living-room—walls—ceiling—hopefully—desperately—looking for a clew—the tiniest clew to support his theory.

"Why are you so sure it is here?" queried Dale.

"Brooks explained. "You must remember—Fleming was no ordinary defaulter—and he had no intention of being exiled to a foreign country. He wanted to come back here and take his place in the community while I was in the pen."

"But even then—"

He interrupted her. "Listen, dear—" He crossed to the billiard room door, closed it firmly, returned.

"The architect that built this house was an old friend of mine," he said in hushed accents. "We were together in France and you know the way fellows get to talking when they're far away and cut off—" He paused, seeing the cruel gleam of a star-shell—two figures huddled in a trench, whiling away the terrible hours of waiting by muttered talk.

"Just an hour or two before—a shell got this friend of mine," he resumed, "he told me he had built a hidden room in this house."

"Where?" gasped Dale.

Brooks shook his head. "I don't know. We never got to finish that conversation. But I remember what he said. He said, 'You watch old Fleming. If I get mine over here it won't break his heart. He didn't want any living being to know about that room.'"

Now Dale was as excited as he.

"Then you think the money is in this hidden room?"

"I do," said Brooks decidedly. "I don't think Fleming took it away with him. He was too shrewd for that. No, he meant to come back all right, the minute he got the word the bank had been looted. And he'd fixed things so I'd be railroaded to prison—you wouldn't understand, but it was pretty neat. And then the fool nephew rents this house the minute he's dead, and whoever knows bout the money—"

"Jack! Why isn't it the nephew who is trying to break in?"

"He wouldn't have to break in. He could make an excuse and come in any time."

He clenched his hands despairingly.

"If I could only get hold of a blue print of this place!" he muttered.

Dale's face fell. It was sickening to be so close to the secret—and yet not find it. "Oh, Jack, I'm so confused and worried!" she confessed with a little sob.

Brooks put his hands on her shoulders, in an effort to cheer her spirits.

"Now, listen, dear," he said firmly, "this isn't as hard as it sounds. I've got a clear night to work in—and as true as I'm standing here, that money's in this house. Listen, honey—it's like this." He pantomimed the old nursery rhyme of the house that Jack built. "Here's the house that Courtleigh Fleming built—here, somewhere, is the hidden room in the house that Courtleigh Fleming built—and here—somewhere—pray heaven—is the money—in the hidden room—in the house that Courtleigh Fleming built. When you're low in your mind, just say that over!"

She managed a faint smile. "I've forgotten it already," she said, drooping.

He still strove for an offhand gaiety that he did not feel.

"Why, look here!" and she followed the play of his hands obediently, like a tired child, "it's a sort of game, dearest. 'Money, money—who's got the money?' You know!" For the dozenth time he stared at the unrevealing walls of the room. "For that matter," he added, "the hidden room may be behind these very walls."

He looked about for a tool—a poker—anything that would sound the walls and test them for hollow spaces. Ah! he had it—that driver in the bag of golf clubs over in the corner. He got the driver and stood wondering where he had best begin. That blank wall above the fireplace looked as promising as any. He tapped it gently with the golf club—afraid to make too much noise and yet anxious to test the wall as thoroughly as possible. A dull, heavy reverberation answered his stroke—nothing hollow there, apparently.

As he tried another spot, again thunder beat the long roll on its iron drum outside, in the night. The lights blinked—wavered—recovered.

"The lights are going out again," said Dale dully, her excitement sunk into a stupefied calm.

"Let them go! The less light the better for me. The only thing to do is to go over this house room by room." He pointed to the billiard room door. "What's in there?"

"The billiard room." She was thinking hard. "Jack! Perhaps Courtleigh Fleming's nephew would know where the blue-prints are!"

He looked dubious. "It's a chance, but not a very good one," he said. "Well—" He led the way into the billiard room—and began to rap at random upon its walls while Dale listened intently for any echo that might betray the presence of a hidden chamber or sliding panel.

Thus it happened that Lizzie received the first real thrill of what was to prove to her—and to others—a sensational and hideous night. For, coming into the living room to lay a cloth for Mr. Anderson's night supper, not only did the lights blink threateningly and the thunder roll, but a series of spirit raps was certainly to be heard coming from the region of the billiard room.

"Oh, my God!" she wailed, and the next instant the lights went out, leaving her in inky darkness. With a loud shriek she bolted out of the room.

Thunder — lightning — dashing of rain on the streaming glass of the windows—the storm hallooing its hounds. Dale huddled close to her lover as they groped their way back to the living room, cautiously, doing their best to keep from stumbling against some heavy piece of furniture whose fall would arouse the house.

"There's a candle on the table, Jack, if I can find the table." Her outstretched hands touched a familiar object. "Here it is." She fumbled for a moment. "Have you any matches?"

"Yes." He struck one—another—lit the candle—set it down on the table. In the weak glow of the little taper, whose tiny flame illuminated but a portion of the living room, his face looked tense and strained.

"It's pretty near hopeless," he said, "if all the walls are paneled like that."

As if in mockery of his words and his quest, a muffled knocking that seemed to come from the ceiling of the very room he stood in answered his despair.

"What's that?" asked Dale.

They listened. The knocking was repeated — knock — knock—knock — knock.

"Some one else is looking for the hidden room!" muttered Brooks, gazing up at the ceiling intently, as if he could tear from it the secret of this new mystery by sheer strength of will.

"It's upstairs!" Dale took a step toward the alcove stairs. Brooks halted her.

"Who's in this house besides ourselves?" he queried.

"Only the detective—Aunt Cornelia—Lizzie—and Billy."

"Billy's the Jap?"

"Yes."

Brooks paused an instant. "Does he belong to your aunt?"

"No. He was Courtleigh Fleming's butler."

Knock — knock—knock—knock—the dull, methodical rapping on the ceiling of the living room began again.

"Courtleigh Fleming's butler, eh?" muttered Brooks. He put down his candle and stole noiselessly into the alcove. "It may be the Jap!" he whispered.

Knock — knock — knock — knock! This time the mysterious rapping seemed to come from the upper hall.

"If it is the Jap, I'll get him!" Brooks' voice was tense with resolution. He hesitated—made for the hall door—tiptoed out into the darkness around the main staircase, leaving Dale alone in the living room, beset by shadowy terrors.

Utter silence succeeded his noiseless departure. Even the storm lulled for a moment. Dale stood thinking—wondering—searching desperately for some way to help her lover.

At last a resolution formed in her mind. She went to the city telephone.

"Hello," she said in a low voice, glancing over her shoulder now and then to make sure she was not overheard, "1—2—4—please—yes, that's right. Hello—is that the Country club? Is Mr. Richard Fleming there? Yes, I'll hold the wire."

She looked about nervously. Had something moved in that corner of blackness where her candle did not pierce? No! How silly of her!

Buzz-buzz on the telephone. She picked up the receiver again.

"Hello—is this Mr. Fleming? This is Miss Ogden—Dale Ogden. I know it must seem odd my calling you this

She Looked About Nervously.

late, but—I wonder if you could come over here for a few minutes. Yes—tonight." Her voice grew stronger. "I wouldn't trouble you but—it's awfully important. Hold the wire a moment." She put down the phone and made another swift survey of the room, listened furtively at the door—all clear! She returned to the phone.

"Hello—Mr. Fleming—I'll wait outside the house on the drive. It—it's a confidential matter. Thank you so much."

She hung up the phone, relieved—not an instant too soon, for, as she crossed toward the fireplace to add a a new log to the dying glow of the fire, the hall door opened and Anderson, the detective, came softly in with an unlighted candle in his hand.

"Spooky sort of place in the dark, isn't it?" he said casually.

"Yes—rather." If he would only go away before Brooks came back or Richard Fleming arrived! But he seemed in a distressingly chatty frame of mind.

"Left me upstairs without a match," continued Anderson. "I found my way down by walking part of the way and falling the rest. Don't suppose I'll ever find the room I left my toothbrush in!" He laughed, lighted the candle in his hand from the candle on the table.

"You're not going to stay up all night, are you?" said Dale, nervously, hoping he would take the hint. But he seemed entirely oblivious of such minor considerations as sleep. He took out a cigar.

"Oh, I may doze a bit," he said. He eyed her with a certain approval. She was a darned pretty girl and she looked intelligent. "I suppose you have a theory of your own about these intrusions you've been having here? Or apparently having."

"I knew nothing about them until tonight."

"Still," he persisted conversationally, "you know about them now." But when she remained silent, "Is Miss Van Gorder usually—of a nervous temperament? Imagine she sees things, and all that?"

"I don't think so." Dale's voice was strained. Where was Brooks? What had happened to him?

Anderson puffed on his cigar, pondering. "Know the Flemings?" he asked.

"I've met Mr. Richard Fleming—once or twice."

Something in her tone caused him to glance at her. "Nice fellow?"

"I don't know him at all well."

"Know the cashier of the Union bank?" he shot at her suddenly.

"No!" She strove desperately to make the denial convincing but she could not hide the little tremor in her voice.

The detective mused.

"Fellow of good family, I understand," he said, eyeing her. "Very popular. That's what's behind most of these bank embezzlements—men getting into society and spending more than they make."

Dale hailed the tinkle of the city telephone with an inward sigh of relief. The detective moved to answer the house phone on the wall by the alcove—mistaking the direction of the ring.

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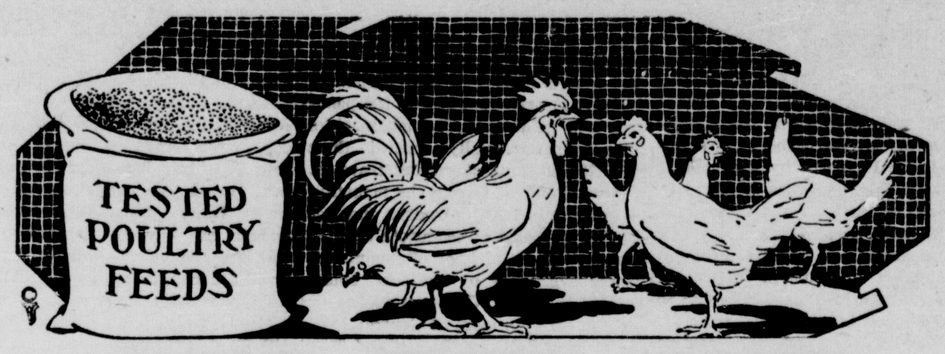

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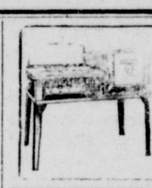

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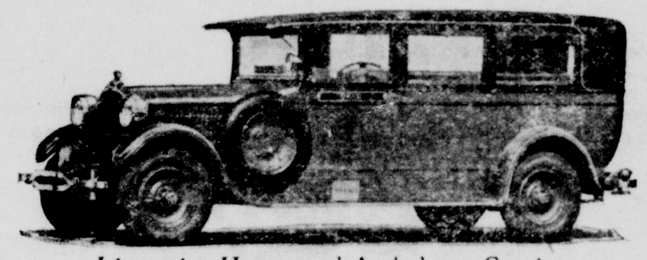

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RED CROSS NOTICE

All who joined the recent Red Cross membership drive are requested to attend the annual meeting for purpose of electing officers, adopting program and any other business.

Meeting 2:00 P. M., Monday, March 26, Chamber of Commerce Room

C. OF C. BANQUET PROGRAM ARRANGED

Tickets for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet which is to be held at the Methodist Church tonight (Friday) were selling well Thursday afternoon. The plans for the program were not entirely complete, but several additions have been made since the first announcement in Tuesday's Standard.

The purpose of the meeting is to give an idea of the present conditions and what may be expected for next year for Sikeston. E. C. Matthews will act as toastmaster. The local speakers will include C. D. Matthews on the road outlook in general, A. Ray Smith and E. C. Matthews on Sikeston's opportunities as to highways, G. A. Dempster and C. E. Brenton on the Economical Conditions Affecting Retail Business, G. B. Greer on Dairying, W. H. Sikes, the Future Development of Truck Gardening and John Reiss on poultrying.

An illustrated lecture on the White Way in general will be given through the lighting committee by a representative of the Westinghouse Electric Company. The machine and slides are being brought here from Charleston.

Members and guests are expected to bring their wives as the banquet is for them also. Music will be furnished for the banquet by local talent.

The proposition of a catalog for the Sikeston merchants will not be discussed in detail as this is not to be a business meeting. The committee which is working on the project reports that it has met with the approval of the majority of the merchants and that some action relative to getting it out will be taken at the next business meeting. There were more than thirty business houses which have indicated that they would back the proposition.

APRIL TO BE CRAMED WITH GOOD SHOWS FOR SIKESTON

The picture show goers of Sikeston and this vicinity have a real treat in store for the month of April. During that month the Malone Theatre will present a galaxity of feature pictures including some of the very newest releases. Twelve or fifteen of these pictures have had long runs in the cities and others are yet to open there.

Among the feature pictures for the month are: Lon Chaney in "The Big City", Pola Negri in "Barbed Wire", "Norma Talmadge in "Camille", Ramon Navarro and Alice Terry in "Loves", Marian Davies in "The Patsy", Colleen Moore in "Her Wild Oat", Adolph Menjou in "Service For Ladies", J. Farrell McDonald in "Bringing Up Father," Bebe Daniels in "She's a Shiek", Esther Ralston in "Figures Don't Lie", Milton Sills in "Burning Daylight", Richard Barthlemess in "The Little Sheppherd of Kingdom Come" and Richard Dix in "Sporting Goods".

NEGRO FUNERAL THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Opal G. Scarborough, negro, who died in St. Louis Tuesday were held at the Sunset Cemetery Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Scarborough was the daughter of Harry Goodwin of Sikeston. She was 23 years of age and is survived by her husband and one child. Death was caused by peritonitis.

HAS NEW EQUIPMENT

The local Coca Cola Bottling Works has recently installed several new pieces of machinery to their equipment which makes the local plant one of the best equipped in this section.

Some of our oil magnates whose testimony is wanted did choose to run. —Arkansas Gazette.

A Spring Necessity--

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SCHOOL BOARD NAMES TWO FOR RE-ELECTION

The names of Frank Mount and J. F. Cox will appear on the school election ballot April 3 for re-election, by request of the other four members of the board and with the consent of the men named.

It was decided further at the regular School Board meeting held Wednesday night, that the High School gym would not be used for political speeches unless the speaker be of national importance or the speech of an educational nature. In either of the latter cases the permission may be granted by the board in a special meeting.

Attorney Ralph E. Bailey was authorized to act for the Sikeston School District in the matter of recovering some $6200 in capital school bonds which were lost with the failure of the Bank of Benton. When the Bank of Benton failed about a year ago, the County Court had money on deposit which had not been pro rated. Of this money the Sikeston School District was entitled to about $6200. In order to recover the money the action must be taken through the County as the money was deposited in the name of the county and not the School District. Prosecuting Attorney Montgomery will reprseent the County and Ray B. Lucas will represent the County Court.

FARM LAND VALUATION CUT IS RECOMMENDED

Welcome news to landowners and taxpayers in Southeast Missouri is the announcement that the farm land valuation in this section are to be reduced by the Missouri State Board of Equalization when it meets on Thursday and Friday of this week. The County Court of this county was advised the early part of this month that the valuation upon which taxes was paid in 1927, was to be reduced approximately ten per cent, but, of course, in sections where the flood wrought its greatest damage, this was not enough and officials, who are favorable to this section, including Forrest Smith, the only Democratic member of the State Tax Commission, have been working for a greater reduction, and the Tax Commission has now made a recommendation, which will no doubt be passed upon favorably by the State Board of Equalization on Friday, wherbey the valuation upon which taxes were paid in 1927, will be reduced 15 per cent, thereby reducing the valuation of $14,819,706 of 1927, to $12,985,016, for 1928. This will reduce the average value per acre from $46.43 upon which taxes were paid in 1927, to an average tentative value of $39.04.

The three county judges, C. H. Robards, J. A. C. Fisher, and Ed Allen, accompanied by Elmer Hicklin, recorder of deeds, who acted as chauffeur, were in Jefferson City on Wednesday of last week when they appeared before the State Tax Commission, asking for a further reduction, more than had been offered under the proposed ten per cent rduction of the valuation upon which taxes were paid in 1927. They were given no definite assurance while they were in Jefferson City, but it has later developed that the Tax Commission is now ready, and is making the following recommendation to the State Board of Equalization, regarding farm land values in Southeast Missouri:

County	Valuation paid on in 1927
Dunklin	$14.819,706
Mississippi	12,617,027
Pemiscot	13,701,530
Scott	9,840,984
Stoddard	14.498,414
New Madrid	20,455,553
County	Av. Val. per acre '27
Dunklin	$46.42
Mississippi	48.83
Pemiscot	44.97
Scott	37.9
Stoddard	28.02
New Madrid	48.37
County	Tentative Val., '28
Dunklin	$12,985,016
Mississippi	10,041,989
Pemsicot	11,802,163
Scott	9,038,788
Stoddard	13,732,497
New Madrid	16,337,783
County	Av. etn. va. acre '28
Dunklin	$39.04
Mississippi	38.86
Pemiscot	39.16
Scott	34.83
Stoddard	26.53
New Madrid	38.70

Mr. Smith, who, as stated above is the only Democratic member of the Tax Commission, is from Ray County. Last fall, he made a trip through this section of the State, and his report to the comission undobutedly exerted a great influence in getting them to make the increased reduction in valuation. Mr. Smith has stated that he is fairly certain that the recommendation made by the commission of which he is a member will be daopted by the State Board of Equalization.—Dunklin Democrat.

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BOAZ AND COMPANIONS FACE ILLINOIS CHARGE

Ollie Boaz (Sams) and the two men who were arrested with him at Cape Girardeau three weeks ago by Sheriff E. A. Dye and his son were taken to Jonesboro, Ill.. this week, where they will be tried on a robbery charge. The men were identified by officers from the Illinois town sometime ago, but were held at Benton until this week in an effort to link them more closely with the Qulin robbery.

The three men, Boaz and the two who claim their names to be Fred Bryant and Scott Taylor, were said to have been riding in the same Essex car in which they were captured by the sheriff at the time of the Illinois robbery. The ownership of the car was traced, but was not proven to have been stolen. The officers believe that Taylor and Bryant have given false names.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS GIVEN

The two plays given at the High School gym Thursday night were "Our Aunt From California" and "Not Quite Such a Goose". The first was presented by members of the Freshman Class and the second by members of the Junior and Sophomore Classes. Mrs. Josephine Vieth and Miss Francis Burch directed the plays. The Glee Club also gave a concert.

MARTIN-BETTAG

Miss Martha Martin surprised her many friends in Sikeston, when she was married to Mr. H. Bettag of Eldorado, Iowa, at Hayti Wednesday.

Miss Martin is a cousin of Mrs. Jno. Woods and Mr. Bettag is a prosperous farmer and is to be congratulated on winning such a fine young woman as she is capable and will make him a true helpmate.

The Standard, $1.50 per year.

MALONE AVENUE PROJECT HITS SNAG IN BENTON COURT

The paving of Malone Avenue from the Grade School to the present route of Highway 60 may be held up slightly by the refusal of the Circuit Court to accept $4091 fund offered by the City of Sikeston to hurry the work along.

Another hearing will be held Monday at which time the court will decide whether or not it has the power to accept the funds as posted.

"SPLIT SHIPMENTS" TO MARKET

C. G. Randell of the United States Department of Agriculture. who has been making a study of all the facts concerned with the co-operative marketing of livestock through associations at the terminal markets comments on the practice of "split shipments", that is "shipments in which the shipper has consigned part of his stock to the co-operative association and part to some other agency. This is the shippers' method of checking the sales and service of the agencies involved. It is also their method of testing the service of the co-operative if they have never before consigned to it. Some shippers maintain that thsi practice induces the salesmen to make greater effort to give service in handling their business.

"The practice is questianable", Mr. Randell believes. "Frequently, on small shipments, it actually costs the shipper money, for then the commissios firms do not have enough stock to grade properly, so it will show to the best advantage. When a shipper establishes contact with a co-operative association and ships to it consistently, the association understands his needs and his problems and can render him the best possible service".

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Thursday in Cairo, the guests of Mrs. R. A. Moll and family.

There were 3145 pleasure car licenses and 329 truck licenses sold at the local office up to Thursday afternoon.

The condition of Sheriff E. A. Dye, who has been quite ill at his home in Benton for two weeks, was reported improved Thursday morning.

James Venerable and Charles Henson were fined $5 and costs each for disturbing the peace by trying to fight. The arrest was made by night officer Gid Daniels last Saturday.

The Lions Club had as honor guest at their Thursday dinner Phil Vial, District Governor, of Webster Groves. Mr. Ellise, who is now connected with the local Kroger Store, was introduced at the dinner also.

Barring further complications the contract for Highway 61 south to New Madrid will be let April 20. Only a few right-of-way deeds are now needed before the contract can eb let, according to a mmeber of the committee.

Notice of School Election

In accordance with the Laws of Missouri, notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Sikeston, Missouri, School District, which is Scott County School District No. 54, that the regular annual School Election will be held in said District on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928.

The polls for said election will be open in the four different wards of the City of Sikeston from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon on said Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928.

The voting places for said School Election will be located, as follows:

1. For the first ward at the City Hall.
2. For the second ward at Boyer's Garage.
3. For the third ward at the Ford Garage.
4. For the fourth ward at the office of Leslie Lumber Company.

Said election is to be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two School Directors for a period of three years.
2. To vote on a proposition of increasing the tax for school purposes to $1.00 on each $100.00 assessed valuation in said School District.
3. To vote on a proposition of levying for building fund purposes for keeping buildings repaired and furnished the sum of forty cents on each $100.00 assessed valuation of said School District.

Done by Order of the Board of Education this 23rd day of February, 1928.

R. E. BAILEY,
Secretary Board of Education.

Notice of City Election

Notice is hereby given that the regular City Election will be held in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928. The polling places for said City Election in each of the wards of said City will be, as follows:

Sard No. 1—at City Hall.
Ward No. 2—at Boyer's Garage.
Ward No. 3—at the Ford Garage.
Ward No. 4—at the office of Leslie Lumber Co.

At said election there are to be elected the following officers:

A Mayor, City Marshal, Attorney, Police Judge, and City Collector, and one Councilman in each of the four wards of the said City of Sikeston.

The polls will be open for receiving votes continuously from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon, upon the aforesaid Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928.

Done by Order of the City Council of the City of Sikeston, this 5th day of March, 1928.

P. H. STEVENSON,
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Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE NO. 33

Two-suited hands are held very frequently at auction and their proper bidding is both interesting and instructive. The following example hands sent in by corespondents and answered by the writer cover many of the important points that come up in two-suited hands:

Example Hand No. 1

Hearts—A, 6
Clubs—A, J, 10, 9, 6
Diamonds—A Q, 10, 9, 7
pades—2

Y
A B
Z

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart. If A passed, what should Y bid? There was a serious difference of opinion as to whether Y should pass one heart ro show his diamond suit, and the argument was referred to the writre for decision. My answer was as follows:

"There are two reasons why I advocate a bid of two diamonds: First, because of the two-suit character of your hand. If the two diamond bid is overcalled, you should then show the club suit and thus give your partner the choice. A two-suit hand, if played at the best bid for the combined hands of yourself and partner, is the strongest hand that can be held, and is usually worth from one to thre tricks more than the usual suit bid. Under these conditions, in bidding two diamonds,y ou are not decreasing your chances for game by the bid of the minor suit, but are really increasing the chances.

"Second, there are so many four-card original suits bid these days that it is seldom advisable to leave partner in if you hold only two trumps, even if one is the ace. This, of course, is optional in the usual hand, but with a two-suit holding such as you held, I would regard the two diamond bid as obligatory".

Example Hand No. 2

Hearts—Q, J, 7, 6, 3 2
Clubs—6
Diamonds—7
Spades—K, , 8, 5, 2

Y
A B
Z

No score, first game. If Z dealt and bid one club, what should A bid?

Answer: "A's poprer bid is one heart. Then if overbid, he should bid two spades. Bid in this way, A indicates to his partner that his heart suit is the better, either in top cards or in length. S uch a bid is purely defensive and partner should not expect much top strength".

Example Hand No 3

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—none
Clubs—A, Q, 9, 7, 6, 4
Diamonds—A, 7
Spades—J, 10, 8, 6, 2

Score, Y-Z 10, A-B 10, rubber game. Z dealt and bid ose club, A bid three diamonds, Y bid four clubs and B bid fourh earts. Should Z bid five clubs or show his spade suit?

Answer: "In this situation, where his partner has assisted his club suit, it would be bad practice to bid four spades. Such a bid gives more valuablei nformation to the opponents than to partner. It tells them that Z has a two-suit hand, one of the strongest types of hands that can be held, and that his chances of making game, either in clubs or spades, is much better than if clubs alone had been bid. For that reason they are more apt to bid five hearts after Z has shown two suits than if he had shown only one. The sound practice therefore would be for Z to bid five clubs over four hearts rather than four spades".

Problem No. 34

Hearts—A, K, Q, 6, 5
Clubs—A, 10, 9, 8, 6
Diamonds—none
Spades—A, 5, 4

Y
A B
Z

Rubber game. Score: Y-Z 16, A-B 20. Z dealt and bid one spade, A bid thre diamonds and Y bid three spades. What should B now bid? He holds a typical two-suiter, so consider carefully what bid by him should produce the best results. Solution in the next article.

Problem No. 35

Hearts—8, 7, 2
Clubs—10, 4, 3
Diamonds—none
Spades—9, 6, 5

Hearts—none
Clubs—9, 6, 5
Diamonds—10, 4, 3
Spades—8, 7, 2

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—9, 6, 5
Clubs—none
Diamonds—8, 7, 2
Spades—10, 4, 3

Hearts—10, 4, 3
Clubs—8, 7, 2
Diamonds—9, 6, 5
Spades—none

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z win five of the nine tricks against any defense? This problem is noteworthy because of the duplication of the holdings in a ll four hands but in different suits. This makes it more intricate. Soluti on in the next article.

It is sometime asked whether fried meats are harmful to children. Fried meats are apt to be overcooked and hard. It is better to pan-broil chops and other tender cuts for children. Only enough fat is used to keep the meat from sticking. It is seared quickly on the outside and all the juices are retained. As tough meats require long slow cooking, they are first browned lightly and then simmered until tender. Meat stews of this sort are suitable for children.

A record of family expenditures shows habits of buying. Looking back for a year a good picture of what has been bought and why it was bought can be had. One can discover the influence of advertising, of fashion, and of passing fads, whether the mail order catalogue, the installment plan, and charge accounts are a convenience or a temptation, whether bargains are bargains or unnecessary expenditures. None of these things—advertising, fashion, mail order, installment buying, or charge accounts are necessarily good or bad. It all lies in the way they are used.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will give a bake sale Saturday at Davey's Plumbing Shop.

It appearing that Colonel Lindbergh would appreciate a season of obscurity, we suggest that he run for Vice-President—Weston Leader.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BROWN SPUR

Dr. Haw and his assistants, Miss Brown and Mr. Stubbs, examined the pupils of the Greer school Monday. Only 5 out of the 22 examined received good health pins. Those receiving the pins were: Harold Dunham, Linley Heisserer, Charles Walker, Walker, Loren Crawford and Elma Heisserer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and family visited at Bennie Walker's, Sunday.

Theo and Joe Dye have been out of school this week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellison visited at Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gleuck's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simpson and family visited relatives in Sikeston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fine visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holaway. Sunday.

Fred and Holaway, Cecil McCloud Misses Vicie Dye and Ruth Holaway went car riding, Sunday.

Herman Osborne visited school on Wednesday.

Watch for the date of the cyphering match between the Greer school and West Tanner school next week.

Misses Theo and Vicie Dye were the guests of Miss Ruth Holaway, Sunday.

PAYING WHEN DUE IS HELPING YOURSELF AND HELPING OTHERS

Collectively, as a community, we pay our debts promptly when they are due. If we did not do this, if we repudiated our bonds, our promise to pay, no one would again buy our bonds, no one would trust us. Collectively, as a community, we refuse to incur any indebtedness that we cannot pay. We do not do the things that call for expenditures that we cannot afford. If we cannot afford to to buy new schoolhouses, new road paving, or other public improvements, we do without them, because we cannot afford as a community to impair our credit, the most valuable asset we have.

What is true of us collectively is also true of us an individuals. When we, as individuals, fail to pay what we owe when it is due we have sacrificed our most valuable assets, our credit rating.

When we say to one of our merchants, "Sell me merchandise and I will pay the first of next month", we should be sure of our ability to pay the first of next month, and be prompt in the settlement of that account on that date. The merchant who sells us merchandise must pay the man from whom he purchased the merchandise when he has promised to pay or he cannot buy more; he has sacrificed his credit. When he sells to us he must depend upon us to pay to make it possible for him to pay. If we do not pay we have not only sacrificed our own credit, but have aided materially in sacrificing the credit of others.

So it is that the business of not paying when due affects our entire community circle, and credit is the keystone of our community prosperity. So long as all of us pay what we owe when it is due the waters of our collective credit are unruffled, but for any one of us to fail is but the dropping of a pebble into the ruffled waters; the disturbance spreads until the entire circle is affected.

If we are to prosper as individuals we cannot think only of ourselves. We must think in collective terms, for as we live collectively, we prosper or fail collectively. The prosperity or failure of any one of us affects the prosperity or failure of all. Paying our debts as individuals means the prosperity of the community as a whole. Failure to pay as individuals means, at least, the impairment of the credit of all.

"HULA" COLORFUL SOUTH SEA ROMANCE, STARS CLARA BOW

Clara Bow is now a "keike wahini Lalau".

Sounds terrible, but that is the part she portrays—a flapper of Hawaii—in her latest starring Paramount vehicle "Hula" which comes to the Malone Theatre for a two-day run starting Monday.

When Miss Bow read Armine Von Tempski's popular novel she begged studio officials to buy it for her. The Paramount corporation lost no time in securing the rights, agreeing that it undoubtedly was one of the best they could obtain for her.

"Hula" is a story of social life on Hawaii; of an American girl born and raised on "the crossroads of the Pacific" who remains herself amid an artificial atmosphere created by an irresponsible set of "fast livers".

In this interesting but strange situation comes Clive Brook, leading man. The troubles of lively Miss Bow in obtaining her real love make up one of the most fascinating screen tales of the day. Romance, color, smiles and tears are all rolled together in this fast moving story.

The production was directed by Victor Fleming, famous for his success with "Mantrap" then "The Rough Riders" and more recently "The Way of All Flesh" starring Emil Jannings. In addition to Mr. Brook, who has demonstrated himself one of the most popular leading men of the day, Miss Bow is supported by a hand-picked cast consisting of Arlette Marchal, Arnold Kent, Albert Gran and Agostino Borgato, Doris Anderson adapted the novel. The screen play was prepared by Ethel Doherty.

Local and Personal

Henry Comer returned Wednesday from a business trip to St. Louis.

Miss Daisy Garden will go to St. Louis tonight (Thursday) on business.

Tally Sams has returned home from Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Forrester were in Cape Girardeau, Wednesday afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. T. B. Dudley and Miss Florence Baker returned from Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday.

Mrs. Betty Matthews went to St. Louis Friday to visit a few days with her grandchildren, who are in school in that city.

Mr, and Mrs. J. O. Bebout and little daughter of Bertrand will be the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Forrester, Friday evening.

Mrs. Alvin Taylor and children and Mrs. Grover Baker and daughters, Margaret and Lucille, attended the show, "King of Kings", at Cairo, Tuesday.

Mrs. John Fox is at the bedside of her father, David Lewis, of Bertrand, who suffered aparalytic stroke Sunday and who has been critically ill this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Heatherington of Kansas City and Miss Satterlee of Detroit, Mich., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. McClure Tuesday and Wednesday while enroute from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Layton spent Thursday night in Bertrand as guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. O. Bebout and family and attended the home talent play put on by the Miner Community Association.

The State Highway Department, prohibited by law to insure its employees or to assume rseponsibility for accidents is working on a plan whereby the employees may be insured under a blanket policy.

Mrs. Alvin Taylor entertained with a dinner complimenting Miss Daisy Garden on her birthday, Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for Miss Garden, Mrs. Otis Brown, Mrs. Grover Baker, Mrs. Marshall Myers, Miss Bradley and Mrs. Taylor.

MISS M. E. MARTIN

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The Sikeston Standard

Some News—Some Views

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews returned from St. Louis, Tuesday night.

Dr. C. W. Limbaugh retuurned from St. Louis Tuesday. where he has been buying dental equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews are entertaining with a bridge dinner on Thursday evening for Cape Girardeau friends.

Mesdames Wallace Applegate and Emma Kendall and Steve Applegate and Billie Anderson spepnt Tuesday in Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeane Hirschberg and babe of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday afternoon in Sikeston as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman.

Henry Hunter and Vernon Skillman of St. Louis are expected to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman.

The retail lumbermen of Southeast Missouri closed their convention at Cape Girardeau Thursday night with a banquet at the Idan-Ha Hotel. The men had been in conference for two days. Mayor Ed Fuchs of Sikeston attended the meeting.

Mrs. Betty Matthews entertained Thursday with a 12:00 o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for Mesdames Mollie Marshall, Hal Galeener, J. H. Yount, John L. Tanner, Alfred Moore, A. B. Skillman, Florence Marshall, I. H. Dunaway of Morehouse, W. R. Griffin of Morehouse and Misses Kate Austin and Mayme Marshall.

The Standard, $1.50 per year.

Senator Reed says the issue this year should be corruption, which means that he would have even the Presidential canvass done in oils.—Virginian-Pilot.

Now they say some one has been trying to corner all the asbestos. Well, there is nothing like being prepared.—American Lumberman (Chicago).

Make orange gelatine sometimes for dessert—using fresh oranges. Put one envelope or ounce of gelatin into one-half cup of cold water to soften for about two minutes. Squeeze as many oranges as you need to make two and one-fourth cups of strained juice and add the juice of half a lemon to intensify the flavor. Put one cup of water on to heat with three-fourths of a cup of sugar or less, depending on the acidity of the fruit. When the sirup is boiling, take it from the fire and put the moistened geflatin into it. Stir until the gelatin is entirely dissolved, and mix with the orange and lemon juice. The latter are not cooked at all. Strain into a large mold or individual molds. This dessert needs no sauce, but you may serve soft custard with it or plain or whipped cream.

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Dale corrected him quickly.

"No, the other one—that's the house phone."

Anderson looked the apparatus over.

"No connection with the outside, eh?"

"No," said Dale, absent-mindedly. "Just from room to room in the house."

He accepted her explanation and answered the other telephone.

"Hello—hello—what the—" He moved the receiver hook up and down, without result, and gave it up. "This line sounds dead," he said.

"It was all right a few minutes ago," said Dale, without thinking.

"You were using it a few minutes ago?"

She hesitated—what use to deny what she had already admitted, for all practical purposes.

"Yes."

The city telephone rang again. The detective pounced upon it.

"Hello—yes—yes—this is Anderson—go ahead." He paused, while the tiny voice in the receiver buzzed for some seconds. Then he interrupted it impatiently.

"You're sure of that, are you? I see. All right. 'By."

He hung up the receiver and turned swiftly on Dale.

"That was headquarters, Miss Ogden. They have found some letters in Bailey's room which seem to indicate that you were not telling the entire truth just now."

He paused, waiting for her answer. "What letters?" she said wearily.

"From you to Jack Bailey—showing that you had recently became engaged to him."

Dale decided to make a clean breast of it—or as clean a one as she dared.

"Very well," she said in an uneven voice, "that's true."

"Why didn't you say so before?" There was menace beneath his suavity. He came closer to Dale, fixing her with his eyes. "Do you know where Bailey is now?" He spoke slowly and menacingly.

She did not flinch.

"No."

The detective paused.

"Miss Ogden," he said, still with that hidden threat in his voice, "in the last minute or so the Union bank case and certain things in this house have begun to tie up pretty close together. Bailey disappeared this morning. Have you heard from him since?"

Her eyes met his without weakening—her voice was cool and composed.

"No."

The detective did not comment on her answer—she could not tell from his face whether he thought she had told the truth or lied. He turned away from her brusquely.

"I'll ask you to bring Miss Van Gorder here," he said in his professional voice. "This case is taking on a new phase."

"You don't think I know anything about that money?" she said, a little wildly, hoping that a display of sham anger might throw him off the trail he seemed to be following.

He seemed to accept her words, cynically, at their face value.

"No," he said, "but you know somebody who does."

Dale hesitated—sought for a biting retort—found none. It did not matter—any respite, no matter how momentary, from these probing questions, would be a relief. She silently took one of the lighted candles and left the living room to search for her aunt.

Left alone, the detective reflected for a moment, then picking up the one lighted candle that remained, commenced a systematic examination of the living room. His methods were thorough, but if, when he came to the end of his quest, he had made any new discoveries, the reticent composure of his face did not betray the fact. When he had finished he turned patiently toward the billiard room—the little flame of his candle was swallowed up in its dark recesses—he closed the door of the living room behind him. The storm was dying away, now, but a few flashes of lightning still flickered, lighting up the darkness of the deserted living room now and then with a harsh, brief glare.

A lightning flash—a shadow cast abruptly on the shade of one of the French windows, to disappear as abruptly as the flash was blotted out—the shadow of a man—a prowler—feeling his way through the lightning-slashed darkness to the terrace door. The detective? Brooks? The Bat? The lightning flash was too brief for any observer to have recognized the stealing shape—if any observer had been there.

But the lack of an observer was promptly remedied. Just as the shadowy shape reached the terrace door and its shadow-fingers closed over the knob, Lizzie entered the deserted living room on stumbling feet. She was carrying a tray of dishes and food—a roll—a butter pat—and she walked slowly, with terror only one leap behind her, and blank darkness ahead.

She had only reached the table and was preparing to deposit her tray and beat a shameful retreat, when a sound behind her made her turn. The key in the door from the terrace to the alcove had clicked. Paralyzed with fright she stared and waited, and the next moment a formless thing, a blacker shadow in a world of shadows, passed swiftly in and up the small staircase.

But not only a shadow. To Lizzie's terrified eyes it bore an eye, a single gleaming eye, just above the level of the stair-rail, and this eye was turned on her.

It was too much. She dropped the tray on the table with a crash and gave vent to a piercing shriek that would have shamed the siren of a fire engine.

Miss Cornelia and Anderson, rushing in from the hall and the billiard room respectively, each with a lighted candle, found her gasping and clutching at the table for support.

"For the love of heaven, what's wrong?" cried Miss Cornelia irritatedly. The coffee pot she was carrying in her other hand spilled a portion of its boiling contents on Lizzie's shoe and Lizzie screamed anew and began to dance up and down on the uninjured foot.

"Oh, my foot—my foot!" she squealed, hysterically. "My foot!"

Miss Cornelia tried to shake her back to her senses.

"My patience! Did you yell like that because you stubbed your toe?"

"You scalded it!" cried Lizzie, wildly. "It went up the staircase!"

"Your toe went up the staircase?"

"No, no! An eye—an eye as big as a saucer! It ran right up that staircase—" She indicated the alcove with a trembling forefinger. Miss Cornelia put her coffee pot and her candle down on the table and opened her mouth to express her frank opinion of her factotum's sanity. But here the detective took charge.

"Now, see here," he said with some sternness to the quaking Lizzie, "stop this racket and tell me what you saw!"

"A ghost!" persisted Lizzie, still hopping around on one leg. "It came right through that door and ran up the stairs—oh—" and she seemed prepared to scream again as Dale, white-faced, came in from the hall, followed by Billy and Brooks, the latter holding still another candle.

"Who screamed?" said Dale, tensely.

"I did!" Lizzie wailed, "I saw a ghost!" She turned to Miss Cornelia, "I begged you not to come here," she vociferated, "I begged you on my bended knees. There's a graveyard not a quarter of a mile away."

"Yes, and one more scare like that, Lizzie Allen, and you'll have me lying in it," said her mistress unsympathetically. She moved up to examine the scene of Lizzie's ghostly misadventure, while Anderson began to interrogate its heroine.

"Now, Lizzie," he said, forcing himself to urbanity, "what did you really see?"

"I told you what I saw."

His manner grew somewhat threatening.

"You're not trying to frighten Miss Van Gorder into leaving this house and going back to the city?"

"Well, if I am," said Lizzie, with grim, unconscious humor, "I'm giving myself an awful good scare, too, ain't I?"

The two glared at each other, as Miss Cornelia returned from her survey of the alcove.

"Somebody who had a key could have got in here, Mr. Anderson," she said, annoyedly. "That terrace door's been unbolted from the inside."

The detective recovered his poise. "I think I see the answer to your puzzle, Miss Van Gorder," he said, with a scornful glance at Lizzie. "A hysterical and not very reliable woman, anxious to go back to the city and terrified over and over by the shutting off of the electric light."

Miss Van Gorder considered his theory. "I wonder," she said.

The detective rubbed his hands together more cheerfully.

"A good night's sleep and—" he began, but the irrepressible Lizzie interrupted him.

"My God, we're not going to bed, are we?" she said, with her eyes as big as saucers.

He gave her a kindly pat on the shoulder, which she obviously resented.

"You'll feel better in the morning," he said. "Lock your door and say your prayers, and leave the rest to me."

Lizzie muttered something inaudible and rebellious, but now Miss Cornelia added her protestations to his.

"That's very good advice," she said decisively. "You take her, Dale."

Reluctantly, with a dragging of feet and scared glances cast back over her shoulder, Lizzie allowed herself to be drawn toward the door and the main staircase by Dale. But she did not depart without one Parthian shot.

"I'm not going to bed!" she wailed, as Dale's strong young arm helped her out into the hall. "Do you think I want to wake up in the morning with my throat cut?" Then the creaking of the stairs, and Dale's soothing voice reassuring her as she painfully clambered toward the third floor, announced that Lizzie, for some time at least, had been removed as an active factor from the puzzling equation of Cedarcrest.

Anderson confronted Miss Cornelia with certain relief.

"There are certain things I want to discuss with you, Miss Van Gorder," he said. "But they can wait until tomorrow morning. You go upstairs and go to bed comfortably. I'll make a careful search of the house before I settle down, and if I find anything at all suspicious, I'll promise to let you know."

She agreed to that, and after sending the Jap out for more coffee, prepared to go upstairs.

Never had the thought of her own comfortable bed appealed to her so much. But, in spite of her weariness, she could not quite resign herself to take Lizzie's story as lightly as the detective seemed to.

"If what Lizzie says is true," she said, taking her candle, "the upper floors of the house are even less safe than this one."

"I imagine Lizzie's account just now is about as reliable as her previous one as to her age," Anderson assured her. "I'm certain you need not worry. Just go on up and get your beauty sleep; I'm sure you need it."

On which ambiguous remark Miss Van Gorder took her leave, rather grimly smiling.

If was after she had gone that Anderson's glance fell on Brooks, standing warily in the doorway.

"What are you? The gardener?"

But Brooks was prepared for him.

"Ordinarily I drive a car," he said. "Just now I'm working on the place here."

Anderson was observing him closely, with the eyes of a man ransacking his memory for a name—a picture. "I've seen you somewhere—" he went on slowly. "And I'll—place you before long." There was a little threat in his shrewd scrutiny. He took a step towards Brooks.

"Not in the portrait gallery at headquarters, are you?"

"Not yet," Brooks' voice was resentful. Then he remembered his pose and his back grew supple—his whole attitude that of the respectful servant.

"Well, we slip up now and then," said the detective, slowly. Then, apparently, he gave up his search for

"What Are You? The Gardener?"

the name—the pictured face. But his manner was still suspicious.

"All right, Brooks," he said tersely, "if you're needed in the night, you'll be called!"

Brooks bowed. "Very well, sir." He closed the door softly behind him, glad to have escaped as well as he had.

But that he had not entirely lulled the detective's watchfulness to rest was evident as soon as he had gone. Anderson waited a few seconds, then moved noiselessly over to the hall door—listened—opened it suddenly—closed it again. Then he proceeded to examine the alcove—the stairs, where the gleaming eye had wavered like a corpse-candle before Lizzie's affrighted vision. He tested the terrace door and bolted it. How much truth had there been in her story?

He could not decide—but he drew out his revolver nevertheless and gave it a quick inspection to see if it were in working order. A smile crept over his face—the smile of a man who has dangerous work to do, and does not shrink from the prospect. He put the revolver back in his pocket, and, taking the one lighted candle remaining, went out by the hall door, as the storm burst forth in fresh fury and the window panes of the living room rattled before a new reverberation of thunder.

For a moment, in the living room, expect for the thunder, all was silence. Then the creak of surreptitious footsteps broke the stillness—light footsteps descending the alcove stairs where the gleaming eye had passed.

It was Dale, slipping out of the house to keep her appointment with Richard Fleming. She carried a raincoat over her arm and a pair of rubbers in one hand. Her other hand held a candle. By the terrace door she paused, unbolted it, glanced out into the streaming night with a shiver. Then she came into the living room and sat down to put on her rubbers.

Hardly had she begun to do so when she started up again. A muffled knocking sounded at the terrace door. It was ominous and determined, and in a panic of terror she rose to her feet. If it was the law, come after Jack, what would she do? Or again, suppose it was the Unknown who had threatened them with death? Not coherent thoughts these, but chaotic, bringing panic with them. Almost unconscious of what she was doing, she reached into the drawer beside her, secured the revolver there and leveled it at the door.

(Continued Tuesday)

TRY THIS

By EDNA PURDY WALSH

Exposing a Funnel Secret

THE simple funnel usually lies hidden in the utensil drawer, and is used so seldom that it is dusty when the occasion arises for it to be taken out to assist in pouring into a small necked bottle or jar. There are daily uses for the funnel, however, and one of them is its practicability as an egg separator. The white of the egg quickly drops into the dish below, leaving the yolk intact at the funnel neck.

Many housekeepers find the funnel an excellent mold for salads. A domestic science teacher originated a

new cake by placing a funnel in the deep cake dish, upside down. When the cake is baked a graduated hollow is left in the center to be filled with whipped cream or gelatin.

The funnel also serves as a pastry decorator in the emergency, and in the event occasioned by the breaking of the glass percolator top, a funnel placed upright over the center spot will prevent the coffee from flying into the air. The sides of the funnel will drop it back again into the pot.

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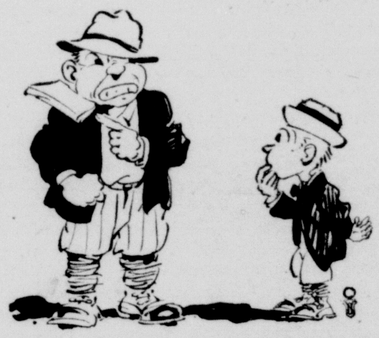

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SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

W. C. Cannon of Morley is building a 10x12 Missouri Type Colony House.

Mrs. Adam Felter of Benton has fifty-two Buff Plymouth Rock chicks that weigh from 1¼ to 1¾ lbs. each. Mr. and Mrs. Felter attended the baby chick schools at Benton and at Cape Girardeau which was held during the Farmers' Week.

Albert Brase of Benton unloaded a car load of Jersey heifers for Hoffman and Linke. These animals will be distributed among the men who are farming with this company.

W. C. Harmon of Commerce received enoughs trawberry plants to set out two acres.

Albert Brase, five miles east of Benton, is setting out three acres of strawberries this week.

166 Bushel Per Acre Wins Corn Contest

Proof that proper methods applied to the corn crop can produce big yields under southern conditions was again furnished by the performance of Elstner Beall of Wilson, Ark., who won the South Wide Corn Production Contest for Vocational Students.

Young Beall produced 166.39 bushels of corn per acre on the black loam soil of Mississippi County, Ark. The land had been in alfalfa six years ago followed by five years of cotton before this corn was pplanted. The land was flatb roken on March 1, using a ten-inch turning plow and disked late in April. On May 1 three-foot rows were laid off with a middle-burster and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda distributed in the middle. Fertilizer was bedded out with a 14-inch middle-burster. On May 15 it was harrowed flat and the corn was planted with a one-horse planter. A peck and one-half of pure Delta Profilic seed corn was planted on the two acres in the patch. A perfect stand was reported within eight days and beginning June 1 the corn was cultivated about 4 inches deep with sweeps on the cultivator. Four more cultivations were given at intervals of about ten days using the same tool.

A side application of one hundred pounds of nitrate per acre was applied when the corn was about knee high. The final cultivation came on July 10, using sweeps which left the row bat and the soil is loose mechanical condition. The use of pure seed, proper amount of seed, and intensive cultivation was reported as eliminating the chopping and thinning. Young Beall worked 104 hours in the production of this corn and hired 46 hours of labor. The charges were $81.72. The credits were $342.02 and, therefore, this project yielded a labor income of $260.30.

Outlook For Farm Products

A survey of the price situation for January and February indicates that pork prices may increases lightly until late March or early April, according to H. C. Hensley of the Missouri College of Agriculture, based on the usual price trend. Cattle receipts are low and a steady market is expected with the range between feeder and kille rsteers at Chicago narrow.

Lamb supplies should be larger than last year with most of the purchases in western markets with fewer available in the east than usual. Should market early for best prices.

Butter importation has been checked due to lower prices, but with abundant home-grown food available, are not expected to rise. In spite of apparenti ncreased shipments of corn, the future trend is uncertain. Europe needs corn and large purchases might trengthen the market, but preference for the Argentine product may cause buyers to hold off, until the Argentine crop is available and, therefore, the expected increase in demand may not fully materialize.

At the garden meeting being held in Scott County this week, one of the questions that aroused the most lively discussion was, "How much of each garden crop shall we plant?" The best answer to this question is supplied in a circular on vegetable growing printed this spring by the Missouri College of Agriculture. In this circular the amounts needed to supply a fmaily of five with vegetables to eat fresh in summer and to can or store for winter use are given as follows:

Asparagus, 150 feet or row, rhubarb, 60 feet early potatoes 300 feet, anions by sets) 200 feet, radishes 50 feet, followed by successive plantings, spinach 100 feet, lettuce 50 feet, early ppeas 300 feet, early cabbage 200 feet, boets 50 feet, onions (from seed) 200 feet, carrots 100 feet, parsnips 100 feet, chard 50 feet, snap beans 300 feet.

Sweet corn 300 feet, sweet potatoes 400 feet, early tomatoes 100 feet, late tomatoes 300 feet, cucumbers 75 feet, summer squash 25 feet, turnips 400 feet, winter squash 100 feet, Chinese cabbage 100 feet, and pole beans 300 feet.

This circular is Station Circular 167, "Vegetable Growing in Missouri" and it will be found to contain complete directions for every step in planting and cultivating the home garden. A free copy may be obtained from the county agent's office at Benton, or from the Missouri College of Agriculture at Columbia.

Select Soybean Seed Now.

Choice of soybean seed should be made now while seed is available, so that the seed best suited to meet local requirements can be secured, asserts County Agent Renner. Numerous varieties are being grown but repeated seed and hay tests show that in Missouri none are superior to Morse, Midwest, Haberlandt, Virginia Wilson and Laredo.

Morse, Midwest and Haberlandt are on good land, the best varieties for seed. They are especially adapted to the more fertile soils of Southeast Missouri. Morse, being earlier in maturity than Midwest, is better adapted to the extreme northern part of the State. It also holds its seed better after maturity than does the latter. However, Midwest is more conveniently harvested with regular farm machinery.

Haberlandt is an excellent seed variety, especially on the better soils. It is a spreading type, however, and is comparatively difficult to harvest for seed. On average to poor soils its growth is dwarfed and it may prove almost impossible to harvest with a grain binder. It is one of the best varieties for planting in corn when the combined crop is to be hogged off.

Virginias and Laredos are superior to all other varieties on poor, upland soils, and are especially well adapted to the poorly drained soils of Scott County. They are also preferred on the thinner sandy soils of Southeast Missouri.

Laredos are grown on thinner soil than are Virginias, likewise, will make slightly greater tonnage of green crop than any other variety.

Wilson variety makes better yields on poor soils than do either Morse or Midwest, but not equal to Virginia. On medium fertile soils, it is well suited for seed, but on rich land the tendency to fall down before harvest is objectionable. Both Wilson and Virginia are preferred for hay as they produce fine-stemmed plants with an abundance of leaves, making a better quality hay.

Time from planting to the maturity of the seed is 110 days for Morse, 1920 days for Midwest, 110 for Haberlandt, 105 for Wilson, 110 for Virginia, and 110-130 for Laredos. Morse, has yellow green seed, medium large and roughly rounded; Midwest had medium small and somewhat flattened seed with the seed scar the same color as the seed coat; Haberlandt had large, roughly rounded, yellow seed with a nearly black seed scar; Wilson has a glossy black, medium to small, kidney-shaped seed and Virginia has a tan or brown, medium small, flat and kidney-shaped one.

Ten Reasons Win Hog Contest

Winning reasons for producing pork by the Grow-Thrifty-Pigs method, offered by Mark Ripperger, Howard County farmer, who won a portable hog house for the ten best reasons in competition with 974 other farmers eligible to compete in his county, explain that disease is controlled, more pigs raised per sow with less feed, feeding time shortened and better farming boosted.

The reasons for practicing the grow thrifty methods, as reported by Dan E. Miller, county extension agent for the Missouri College of Agriculture, are listed below.

1. It is the only way to keep the pigs free from the round worm that causes so much unthriftiness.
2. It keeps pigs free from filth bacteria such as necro.
3. It helps raise more pigs per sow.
4. It takes less feed.
5. It lessens veterinary bills.
6. It induces the farmer to rotate his crops; for to have clean pens, one must rotate crops.
7. Induces the farmer to sow more legumes for pig pasture which will help build up the soil.
8. With the grow-thrifty-pigs method, one can put a 200-pound hog on the market at six months, where otherwise, it would take eight to ten months.
9. It makes more dollars on the hogs and makes it in less time.
10. By the grow-thrifty-pigs method, the mortgage is lifted from the farm in less time.

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Most of the students of the Sikeston High School and about half of those of the Grade School saw an art exhibit at the High School Building Wednesday afternoon.

Haig Arklin displayed oil reproductions of fifteen of the world's masterpieces, including Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, and the Madonna of the Chair. Mr. Arklin explained the history and signifiance of each picture.

The Standard $1.50. per year.

Frank (Shower) Trousdale, Joe (Poach Chi) Albright and Gilbert (Butts) Hopper left Sikeston Wednesday for Flint. Mich., to work.

Mrs. J. P. Whidden was elected president of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church at a called meeting Monday night Mrs. J. L. Green, the former president, is leaving town. After the election a dinner and farewell party was given for Mrs. Green, when the class presented her with a setof salad forks.

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SOCIAL CONFERENCE AT MEMPHIS MAY 2-9

Memphis, Tenn., March 22.—Rural social and health problems will have a prominent place in the program of the National Conference of Social Work, which meets here May 2-9, and a number of speakers of national and inter-national prominence will participate in the discussion of those problems.

Plans for the conference are well advanced and the indications point to one of the most successful meetings in the history of the organization. Railroads of the country have announced reduced fares for visitors to the conferences. Hotel reservations have already exceeded 1200 and the volume of requests for accommodations increases daily.

Many important subjects pertaining to social service work in the United States and particularly in the South, will receive the attention of the conference and the forty-odd kindred organizations which will hold their meetings here at the same time. Of chief interest in the list are such problems as health education, family welfare, child care and community betterment. Virtually the entire field will receive attention.

A special effort is being made by the local committees to encourage the attendance of social workers and laymen from the smaller communities of the South and a record attendance is forecast. It is estimated that approximately 5000 men and women, representing every section of the country, will attend the sessions of the conference and its allied groups.

The Standard, $1.50 per year.

COOLIDGE AGAIN DECLINES TO RUN, IN ANSWER TO PLEA

Washington, March 21.—President Coolidge has declined a request of the Wyoming Republican State Central Committee that he announce his candidacy for re-election.

Through his secretary the President advised L. C. Hinkle, chairman of the committee, that he could not accept the committee's request that he "waive his personal preference and consent to continue for an additional four years that leadership which has brought honor and prosperity to this country".

President Coolidge's letter, signed by his secretary, Everett Sanders, said:

"The President has received your letter of the seventeenth enclosing a coppy of the resolution adopted by the Republican State Committee of Wyoming, March 10. While he, of course, very greatly appreciates and thanks you for the expression of confidence, the President directs me to say that he must decline to grant the request of the committee".

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MINER ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEET

John J. Reiss was re-elected president of the Miner Community Association at the annual meeting held at the Community Building Tuesday night. The other officers are: W. F. Woods, vice-president; Ben O. Matthews, Treasurer and Mrs. Wade Malcolm, secretary. The officers and Fred Paul make up the Board of Trustees for the Association.

More than forty people were present Tuesday night at the meeting an excellent supper was served by the ladies of the Association after which a round-table discussion was held and the trustees were elected. The trustees then elected the officers.

Mr. Reiss, in his talks throughout the evening pointed out where in every enterprise there is friction and disagreement, but that there had been little of it at the Miner Association and that co-operation was the keynote of the success of such an organization.

The reports of the various committees were read and a vote of thanks was given each. The program committee, which has put on a program or entertainment on the average of at least once a month reported a slight profit after all expenses had been paid.

When the present building was built after the old one had been damaged by the storms last year, the men of the community were called on to donate hours of work. The report of the building committee showed that some fifteen men had volunteered from 2 to 137 hours of work each for the purpose of constructing the Community House.

The program committee for the following year is composde of: Mesdames C. W. Smoot, C. E. Kaufman and Paul Buchholz. The agriculture committee: C. E. Kaufman, Roland Malcolm. Paul Buchholz, Mr. Eubanks and Mr. Suchman.

Miss Marian White, of the College of Agriculture, gave a food demonstration at the Community Building Wednesday night.

IT OCCURRED TO ME

Inquiry at the Post Office failed to disclose the number of fan letters written to Richard Dix following the showing of Shanghai Bound the first part of the week. It was gratifying to Dix, however, to find that the Sikeston maidens still loved him.

The cast of Shanghai Bound consisted, like the male quartette, of Richard Dix and some others.

A ladies' quartette consists, so we are told, of a soprano and three others, while a male quartette consists of a tenor and three accomplices.

The moral of the picture was, as in 1919, "The Navy will take them home". Richard is some taker, too.

I was so hepped after seeing this picture that I went to Shep's and purchased a movie mgaazine.

After looking at the picture on the cover I was glad to see that the girl's name was printed thereon. You could not tell who it was without the printed name.

Will Hays and McCutchen please note.

Approaches now the day for large and frequent voting.

ROGER BAILEY ANNOUNCES

Roger A. Bailey has announced his candidacy for re-elcetion to the office of City Attorney. Mr. Bailey has been City Attorney for six years, being elected the first time in April, 1922 while he was still a student at Washington University in St. Louis. He was at that time less than twenty-one years of age. Since that time he has been re-elected twice without opposition. Mr. Bailey, in annuoncing for re-election, says that there is quite a bit of unfinished business on hand which he would like to see cleared up before he goes out of office and that since he has started the work and is familiar with it that he would like to finish it.

ATTENTION

Read all the alluring prices over in this paper than come to the Sikeston Merc. Co. and we will sell it for less if we have it. We are selling out.

There are openings at the Chillicothe Business Collgee now for two young men to work their way thru a business, telegraph, banking or civil service course. Those interested should write the college.

GOV. SMITH DENIES SINCLAIR CONTRIBUTED TO CAMPAIGN

Albany, N. Y., March 20.—Gov. Smith tonight characterized as 'demagogic slander' statements made before the Senate Tea Pot Dome investigating committee yesterday that Harry F. Sinclair, a prominent figure in the oil scandal has been a heavy contributor to the New York State Democratic gubernatroial campaign in 1920.

Records in the New York Department of State, reaching back to 1922 disclosed that since that time Sinclair had made no contributions to any of Gov. Smith's campaign funds. The records in the Secretary of States' office are not required by law to be kept for more than two years. It also became known at the Capitol that in no case have contributions for any of his campaign funds been made directly to Gov. Smith, whose practice it has been to direct that all contributions be turned over to the Democratic State organization.

MUSIC AT M. E. CHURCH SUN.

Sunday morning the Anthem—"Come Unto Me", Schubert Seranade, will be sung by 12 voices.

Sunday night, the quartette will sing, "Oh, It Is Wonderful", by Gabriel.

Misses Lillian Kendall, Tylene Kendall, Helen Welsh and Mrs. Orlando Arthur were visitors to Poplar Bluff, Wednesday.

ONE DOLLAR BILL FOR NINETY CENTS ARE OFFERED

There have been bargains and bargains offered in Sikeston, but $1 bills for 90c looks like a real one. Greener's Store is offering the first fifty persons entering their store Saturday morning fresh new $1 bills for 90c.

Last week a letter writing contest was announced whereby $10 would be given for best letters, but in the meantime so many persons have told Mr. Baty, the manager of the store, that letter writing is too hard, that he has decided to give the $10 away in a different manner. He is going to give a ticket to each person entering the store and at 5:00 o'clock, a small girl will draw the winning numbers. The little girl will herself get a new bill, Mr. Baty said.

Social Meeting of the W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will have a social meeting at the home of Mrs. John A. Young Wednesday afternoon, March 28. A program and a playette will be the feautre of the afternoon. The playette "A Dream Come True", given by five young girls, will be interesting. All members and friends are invited.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will give a bake sale Saturday at Davey's Plumbing Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Stubbs of San Diego, Calif., were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horne Saturday and luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer, Tuesday.

NATIONAL RED CROSS FIELD WORKER HERE

Mrs. Marion G. Keith, national field representative of the American Red Cross, is in Sikeston this week in preparation for the meeting of the local chapter Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. At that time the members will be organized into an active chapter.

Mrs. Keith is working in conjunction with E. C. Matthews, the present county chairman, and Lyle Malone, chairman of the nomination committee. It is hoped after the organization to get a permanent case worker for Sikeston that this county may take care of its own cases in a business-like manner.

The officers for the coming year and the members of the executive committee will be appointed at the meeting Monday afternoon. Every member in the county is urged to be present. Mrs. Eula Shanks and L. M. Stallcup are also members of the nominating committee which will present names to be voted on.

Fined For Stealing Junk

Willie Robinson, 15-year-old negro boy, charged with stealing junk from another negro boy, plead guilty before Justice Jos. W. Myers Wedneday and was fine $5 and costs. The fine was stayed 30 days as it was the boy's first offense.

TEN MEMBERS OF LOCAL M. E. CHURCH ATTEND MEET

About ten members of the local Methodist Church attended the business meeting of the Cape Girardeau District Conference which was held at East Prairie Monday and Tuesday.

The conference was well attended. Bishop W. F. McMurray was the main speaker Monday night. The Rev. Webdell, chaplin of the Barnes Hospital of St. Louis and Dr. L. E. Todd, also of St. Louis, spoke before the meeting Monday and Tuesday.

Among those present from here at the meeting Monday were: Rev. C. C. Barnhardt, C. E. Brenton, Frank Van Horne, Ranney Applegate, W. E. Hollingsworth and Ralpph Anderson. Bishop McMurray had dinner here with Dr. and Mrs. Barnhardt and drove over with the Rev. Webdell on Monday night for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Ralpph Anderson also attended the Monday night meeting. The Cape Girardeau District includes all M. E. South churchesf rom Cape Girardeau south to Hayti.

Billie Anderson visited in Commerce. Tuesday.

Mesdames Harry Young, John A. Young and Chris Francis motored to Cairo, Tuesday.

Leland Lingle, former coach and principal at the Sikeston High School, who has been visiting friends here for the past few days has returned at Carbondale, Ill., where he is now head coach.

BOND DENIED ACCUSED MEN BY SUPREME COURT

Bond for three accused men, held in jail at Benton in connection with the slaying at Chaffee last October of B. M Hargett, Frisco railway brakeman, has been denied by the State Supreme Court, it was learned Wednesday. The men, under the ruling, must remain in jail until their trial, which is scheduled for the April term of circut court at Jackson.

The supreme court was appealed to by defense counsel on a writ of habeas corpus, but in its ruling, the court refused to grant bail. Previously, at a hearing before Judge Frank Kelly at Benton, bond had been denied.

The accused men are: R. H. Stogsdill, former railway detective, and George Fowler and Coy Lasley, former railway epmloyes.

A. M. Spradling, of the defense counsel, said today the defense expects to be ready for trial at the April term of court. The case was sent to Cape Girardeau county on a change of venue from Scott county.

Mrs. T. C. McClure had a few friends in for bridge Tuesday afternoon.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Annie Winchester on Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting and social hour the members went in a body to call on Mrs. E. J. Keith, who is convalsecent from a serious operation for appendicitis.

LEGION FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

At Wednesday's meeting of Henry Meldrum Post No. 114 it was decided to go ahead with the plans for the Second Annual Legion Fourth of July Celebration, and make the show bigger and better than ever before.

Harold Hebbeler was selected as General Chairman due to the way he performed those duties last year and the money he put into the Legion treasury as profit from the celebration. Before the Legion can do anything definite on a Community Building it must have the cash on hand, and the July Fourth Celebration is one of the methods used to secure that item.

Hebbeler is at work selecting his committee chairman and they will be announced at an early date, and plans and work will start for each member of the Legion living in the community.

Last years celebration will be studied to profit by the errors made at that time, and everything points to a larger show this year. The Legion will welcome any suggestions from its friends relative to concessions or entertainment.

The present plan includes the former policy of making it a purely Legion and Auxiliary affair in so far as concessions are concerned. It is thought best to have no professionals, but to do the best that can be done by the local people, and thereby keep the money in Sikeston, where the Legion can spend it with the people that spent it with the Legion.

The Drum and Bugle Corps proposition that was decided upon at the previous meeting is progressing, and the instruments will be ordered this week.

The detailed proposition relative to making the lot just east of the Missouri Pacific passenger station into a Legion Square will be taken up with the railroad authorities this week. Plans have been drawn up covering the walks to be constructed diagonaly across the plot, flower beds to be made, and the trees and shrubs to be set out, and the general improvement of this piece of property.

It is hoped that money can be secured to erect a flag pole in the center of the plot and the Post plans to secure a bronze tablet to be affixed to a boulder. The tablet to dedicate the Square to those men of this community who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War.

The value of such improvement can hardly be estimated when the resulting advertising for Sikeston is taken into consideration. In the course of one day practically every citizen of Sikeston passes the location, and every outsider who enters Sikeston is almost forced to pass the place as he enters or leaves town.

Practically every civic organization in Sikeston is now planning on community improvement, and this is in line with that program. The city which is to amount to anything must look ahead and plan for the future.

We now have two parks and this will make another one, all of which help to beautify Sikeston and to make it a better place in which to live.

The plans when approved by the Missouri Pacific will be carried into effect as soon as possible. At present it is planned to have all Legionaires and others who can give a few hours labor, turn out and in one day we can transform the vacant lot into a little park that we can all be proud of.

The Legion is always ready and willing to assist in any move that is for the good of Sikeston.

It was learned that C. C. Chapman, Division Superintendent of the Missouri Pacific was in Morehouse and when a Legianiare visited him Thursday with the plans of the proposed Legion Square, Mr. Chapman was heartily in favor of the proposition and requested the detailed plans and stated that he would take up the matter in person with the St. Louis office.

This practically assure Sikeston of immediate action in this bit of community improvement. As soon as something more develops in this matter, the local Post will go on with its plans with the Legion Square.

Herschel P. Tyre will visit in Cape Girardeau for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welsh, Miss Helen Welsh and Harvey Johnson were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Sunday afternoon.

The Woman's Club will have their next meeting at the home of Mrs. L. O. Rodes Tuesday afternon, March 27. The program, "Know Your County and Town", with Mrs. C. C. White as leader.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney
ROGER A. BAILEY

"The names of Farnk Mount and J. F. Cox will appear on the school election ballot April 3 for re-election, by request of the other four members of the board and with the consent of the men named".

The above is the first paragraph of a news article carried elsewhere in this issue of The Standard. There are no better men in the city than these two men, but the thing that doesn't set well in a democracy is to have the school board tell the voters who to elect, just as though the Board owned the school buildings and the voters. The attitude taken by the School Board for several years has been of a dictatorial nature that has not set well in some quarters. For one, we would like "the people" to have something to say about who they want and if the balance of the Board refuse to act with them, as was intimated once before, let them resign and give us a new set from top to bottom.

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The Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion is doing things and among them is a proposal to make the Missouri Pacific lot on Front Street into a Legion Park. At present the lot is used for baseball games, sheriff's sales or whatnot. When the Legion's proposition goes through, and we believe it will, this lot will be transformed into a beautiful garden spot. In order to make this lot into a park it is going to take work. The Legion members are going to work alright but it will also take outside co-operation, so if you are called upon to do something for the proposition—do it and be glad to do so.

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The vacant lots—and streets for that matter—in the business district, are getting so full of dogs, every now and then that most any university campus wuold be ashamed of itself. We are not urging the wholesale shooting of the pups—just keep them at home.

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The music of Mrs. Bess Cook's orchestra at the Malone Theatre is a very pleasing feature. The Malone has a splendid bill of attractions for the month of April mention of which will be found in another column.

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Several readers or subscribers to The Standard have paid no heed to subscription statement recently sent out. It is hoped they will apply the Golden Rule and either tell us to go to no further expense for paper or postage, or pay up. The subscription hardly pays the postage and for the white paper, and a hundred or two who do not pay promptly leaves us with a heavy deficit. We have no intention of causing any embarrassment, but at the same time we only want what is due us.

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According to the calendar and usages in the United States, Spring came in March 21. While the day was cool it was clear and beautiful. A few weeks of this sort of weather will make the most of us forget the lean and gloomy months that have passed.

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HERE'S A CHANCE

Sikeston needs a municipal or community building—that is not denied. There is no place here now in which to present community entertainments, no suitable place for a dance, the local company of the National Guard is crowded for room, there is no basketball court or gym which may be used by town people. Here is a chance—look it over and see what you think of it.

A municipal building will be built privately which will meet the needs as outlined by the persons interested in it. The lot and the money for the erection of the building are now available. The building may be built 36x100 or 36x120 feet. The person who owns the lot is willing to build to suit the needs.

This building could be used for community affairs, for speeches, dances, etc., and in addition the various organizations could use it for their meeting place. For instance, the Woman's Club now has no regular meeting place. This building could be arranged with a kitchen, and various banquets, etc., could be held there.

The promoter of the scheme will ask only a fair rental on the building and lot to insure a fair percentage on the investment and with an option to purchase given to a trustee on the property.

The plans for the building are not formulated. If you are interested, kindly inform this office by letter or by stopping in with suggestions or criticism and the matter will be taken up with the promoter.

MRS. FRANK EMERSON OF MORLEY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Frank Emerson of Morley entertained Tuesday with a 1:00 o'clock luncheon complimentary to the members of the Saturday Reading Club and Club friends from Cape Girardeau, Benton, Commerce, Vanduser and Sikeston.

At the close of the luncheon, Mrs. B. F. Johnson of Cape Girardeau gave an outline of the work that needed to be done in the Ninth District and also gave a report of the State Board meeting which she attended last week in St. Louis. Informal talks were made by Mrs. Rickman of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. B. F. Blanton of Sikeston. In the afternoon music and game were enjoyed by the guests.

Out-of-town guests at the luncheon were: Mrs. B. F. Johnson and Mrs. A. R. Rickman, Cape Girardeau; Mrs. B. F. Blanton and Mrs. Fred Jones, Sikeston; Mesdames Ray Lucas and Frank Kirkpatrick and Miss Alma Elmore, Benton; Mesdames W. W. Pell, Charles Beardslee, R. A. Mabrey, Commerce; Mrs. Fred Black, Vanduser; Mrs. E. H. Perry, Canalou; Mesdames Elmer Grant and E. H. Green, Bloomfield.

COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN

Cotton sales for Scott and Mississippi Counties up to March 1 were about a third of what they were at the same time last year. March 1, 1927 there had been 16,565 bales sold in Scott County against 4,529 for the same period this year. Mississippi County's sales to March 1 for 1927 were 15,599 and 5373 for this year.

TO OPEN BRANCH HERE

The Simpson Motor Company of Charleston will open a branch here on Malone Avenue about the first of the month handling Oakland and Pontiac cars. E. S. Benjamin, field representative of the Otkland Motor Car Company was in Sikeston Thursday making arrangemests for the opening.

SEZ THE SIKESTONIAN

By I. C. SIKESTON

When the Big Parade strung out over town Wednesday afternoon, some got the idea that the Pied Piper had come to town and was taking all of the children to the land of far away, but it was only the teachers taking their charges from the grade school to the High School to see an "art" exhibit. From one school house door to the other is exactly one mile—we know because one of the teachers said so. Another of the teachers was so tired that she went to bed at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday night.

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Spring made its official entrance Wednesday, according to the calendar. According to the weather man, it has come a couple of times.

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This column is designed to take up as much room as is possible, saying as little as is possible. We leave it to your judgment whether or not it accomplishes its purpose.

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Sign on the Court House flag pole at New Madrid, "No Skateing on these Walks".

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A press dispatch from an exchange says that the jaw strokes of two gum-chewing witnesses in an eastern court were counted, the woman averaging 60 strokes a minute and the man 84 strokes, but we think there must have been an error in the transmission of the message nad it should have been 160 strokes for the woman.

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We have heard of girls having two and even three dates in one "evening", but we know a young man who claims to have had five between 7:00 p. m. and 1:00 a. m.

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Despondency resulting from the effects of celebrating the inheritance of $3000 was given as the cause of the attempted suicide of a army sergeant in Honolulu. What if he had been left a million?

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Mr. T. A. Wilson, Jr., has come through with another poem this time. We wonder who is teaching him all of them Here 'twas:

A little girl from Decater,
Came to sing in the theatre,
When the poor little thing
Got up to sing
She got hit with a rotten tomater.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Auxiliary held a very profitable meeting Tuesday night.

The Auxiliary is making plans to put on a membership drive after Easter and hope to start the drive with a dinner dance.

The Auxiliary is planning to have a stand or two at the Fourth of July Celebration, which the American Legion are planning to have.

The Auxiliary will co-operate with the American Legion in beautifying the Railroad Park and will supply the funds to plant one of the flower beds that will ornament the park. The members will send another box of home-made candy next month.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Harry Dudley, April 4th.

Increasing the number of car-owners lessens the number of pedestrians in two wyas.—Publishers Syndicate (Chicago).

Ex-Congressman Ralph Bailey has definitely announced that he will again be a candidate for the Republican nomination as Congressman from this district.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walden and Mrs. W. R. Griffin attended the District Conference at Senath Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher, Miss Hattie Harp and Mrs. Josie Hart attended the show, "King of Kings" at Cairo Tuesday night.

Harry Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau transacted business here on Wednesday.

J. W. Sarff has accepted a position with an Asphalt Company of St. Louis. Mr. Sarff will be Superintendent and will take up his new work the first of the month. Mrs. Sarff and sons will remain here until the close of school.

A six-reel motion picture show and theatrical will be given by the Agricultural department of the school, Saturday, both afternoon and night, at the Tokio theatre. The music will be renedered by a quartette composed of Motel Shelby, Elizabeth Hart, Maggie Porter and Helen Newcomer. The piano music will be rendered by Jack Hill.

County Superintendent of Schools P. J. Stearns inspected the Morehouse Schools Wednesday. He reported the spinal meningitis epidemic well in hand. No new cases have developed for some time.

The table top factory has been running full force day and night for the past several weeks. Farm work is picking up and with the excellent weather people are becoming more optimistic.

With the annual election of municipal and school officers only two weeks off, no candidates have announced.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. B. B. Forest met with a very painful accident while picking up some papers from the floor. She ran a point of a pair of scissors far into her hand. She unthoughtfully gathered up the papers where the youngsters had been cutting paper dolls. We are glad to say that so far Mrs. Forest's hand has caused her no serious trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore shopped in Sikeston Monday.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Roy Waters is again able to be out, after being confined to her home for several weeks, having had the misfortune to stick a nail in her foot. We are glad nothing serious resulted.

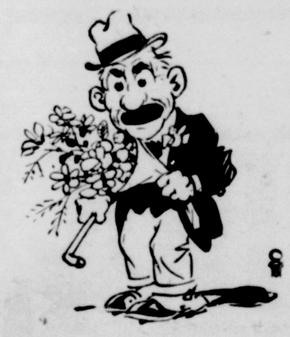
J. Young, who has been ill the past few weeks with pneumonia, is improving.

Earl Swartz returned Monday from St. Louis, where he has been a few days on business.

Mrs. Dora Waters spent Wednesday in Sikeston with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Gentry.

The seventh and eighth grades basketball teams of Matthews motored out to Canoy school Tuesday to play ball with the Canoy seventh and eigth grades teams. Of course, Matthews with an indoor court, can practice four times where Canoy with an outdoor court might have one practice game. However, at the conclusion of the games, the score was in favor of Matthews. The girls' game 2-0. Boys' game 6-10. A large number was present to see the games.

Mr. and Mrs Edgar Caruthers have returned to Matthews from Flint, Mich. They will reside on a farm near Matthews.



Right In the Social Whirl

All the best people and all the best appetites in Sikeston come to the Star Cafe to dine. It's the smart, gay atmosphere of the place that appeals to people who know they're alive. And our chef and his meals are a hard combination to beat.

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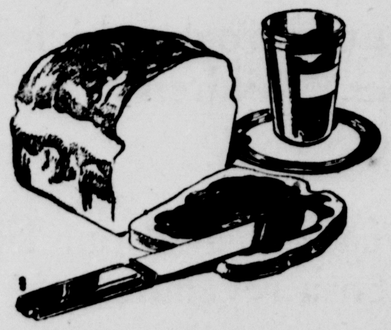


Bread for Spreading

A little 'tween meal snack, for both children and grownups. A generous slice of Schorle's home baked bread covered with a liberal spread of apple, butter or jam. Order a loaf of Butter Krust Bread today and try it.

Phone 62

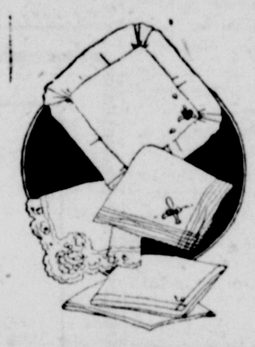
SCHORLE BROS. BAKERY
YOUR BAKERS

Spring Days Say New Shoes

And we assist you by enabling you to say new shoes in a large variety of styles. An exceptional display of different leathers adds to your range of choice.

The Desired Spring Fabrics

If you have some last minute Easter sewing to do, we urge you to inspect this lately arrived display of new fabrics.



A Liberal Lot of New Kerchiefs

Silk, linen and fine cotton handkerchiefs in a wonderful assortment. The collection comprises lace trimmed, prints, drawn work, initialed and colored borders. Attractive values at our prices.

Choose Your Spring Shoes Here

Here are some of the smartest shoe styles for men that we have ever shown. The quality of the offerings are on a par with the styles shown.

Hard Service Styles in Children's Shoes

There is no question about it, children are hard on shoes. To meet this condition, we have our shoes made ao withstand hard wear. In plenty of new styles for spring.

45—Phones—46

Pinnell Store Company
"The Most of the Best for the Least"

15 CHECKS STOLEN FROM FIRM, 2 CASHED

Charleston, March 20.—Fifteen checks of the Charleston Cotton and Grain Co. were stolen from that office, it was discovered when a forged check for $125, drawn on the company, was received by the company depository, the Charleston Mississippi County Bank. The check had been cashed by the Carbondale National Bank of Carbondale, Ill.

It was learned that the name of a Carbondale firm had been forged to obtain payment.

Another check for $128.60 was cashed by the Boone County National Bank of Columbia, Mo. In this instance, forged endorsement also had been made.

SIX BODIES ARE TAKEN OUT OF SUBMARINE S-4

Boston, March 19.—The bodies of the six members of the crew of the Submarine S-4 who were imprisoned in the torpedo compartment when the vessel was sunk by the coast guard destroyer Pauldin on December 17, last, were viewed by a naval board of investigation this afternoon after the submarine had been placed in the drydock at the navy yard. In the first three-quarters of an hour of their examination the board found no message or other written record.

The board entered the submarine shortly after 9 o'clock and three-quarters of an hour later one of its members stationed at a telephone inside the vessel sent up word of its progress.

He said that the position of the six bodies indicated that all the men had died in their bunks and that later their bodies had been washed out. The body of Lieutenant Graham Newell Fitch was lying under a work bench on the starboard side just abaft the torpedo tubes. It was identified by his Naval Acamedy sweater.

Three bodies were at the foot of a ladder and two in the after part of the torpedo room under bunks. All were covered with mud. There were no shoes on any of the bodies.

All the torpedo tube doors were closed, indicating that the men had made no attempt to escape through them. The torpedo room door into the battery room was tightly closed and "dogged" down and further wedged down with a lead maul and a large pinch bar.

The porthole in this door evidently had leaked, as it had been covered over with rubber held in place by wooden blocks.

There was evidence that the men had used the gas masks in the room.

The listening gear, through which the rescue vessels had pumped air to the men, had been shipped and the stethescopes, which had been removed, were found on the bench underneath which Lieutenant Fitch's body lay.

MAKES DOLLARS WORTH OF FEED WORTH $1.83 AS MILK

"Two members of our association installed drinking cups in their barns last month" is a typical quotation from any Dairy Herd Improvement Association monthly report, while quotations such as the following from New York to California are monthly occurrences.

"Two members put in milking machines nad are receiving excellent satisfaction", says another report, while one "plans to put a second silo for summer feeding". "Water bowls in the stalls increased the return for each dollars worth of feed from $1.25 to $1.83 within a month's time, for one of our members", reports another tester.

These actual reports from Dairy Herd Improvement Association testers is concrete evidence that modern barn equipment, running water systems, silos, milking machines and cream separators are helping reduce dairy labor costs and labor and increasing dairy profits, is the conclusion to be drawn, says the Research Department.

Removal of Stumps and Hedges Increases Land Values

Hedge fences are ornamental but costly, as they take up room and moisture from valuable farm lands which would otherwise return good profits from crops. In fields surrounded by hedge fences there is often a strip of ten or twenty feet around the edge of the field which raises little if any crop as the hedge shades the ground and saps the moisturen eeded by growing crops. Hedges and stumps can easily be removed at small cost by using a stump puller or by pulling with a tractor, says the Research Department.

Fifty thousand spring bulletins setting forth "A New Life in a New World" are being mailed rural teachers throughout six State by the Chillicothe Business College this week.

50 DEER FOR MO. REFUGES COME FROM CANADA

The Game and Fish Department has contracted for 100 additional head of northern white tail deer for state game refuges which will be shipped as fast as they can be trapped. Fifty of these deer come from Canada.

The trapping of deer is something requiring tact and a knowledge of their habits as well as something governed largely by weather conditions. Deer will feed in the hills and far from human beings just as long as they can find food, but when heavy snows cover all vegetation then they come closer to the setltements and towns in search of fodder. It is at such times as this that trapper watch for them and lay their plans accordingly. The trapping is not done the first time the fleet footed animals come closer to civilization from the hills, but is a gradual matter of often requiring three weeks of constant feeding daily, the feed being each time placed closer to the pen and of course can only be done after snow is on the ground and food is scarce. Gradually the deer are fed closer and closer to the large pen, within which is a much smaller one, from which a shute 18 inches wide leads to the crate which is of the same width. The impossibility of haste or impatience in trapping these animals is demonstrated by the fact that even after they enter the larger pen the first time they are permitted to go out again. This is done in order to accustom them to the enclosure and not excite them. When they however enter the smaller enclosure, a man stationed near the gate closes it and this ends the most tedious part of the performance. They are then driven into the shute and from there into the crate in which they are shipped. The crates are made narrow in order to prevent their turning around and being injured. Equal care is taken in releasing the deer when received at the refuges.

WHY ARE SOME SPRAYED APPLES WORMY?

"Why does spraying prevent wormy apples some years and not others" is a question which has been asked by apple growers frequently during the past few years. The answer seems to be that the codling moth, which lays the eggs later developing into the worms found in apples, does not emerge from the pupae stage at the same time each year, while spray calenders have always told growers to spray at the time when most of the blossoms had fallen from the trees. When the codling moth emerges later than this specified time, as it did in 1927, the small wormss oon do a large amount of damage.

Experiment stations are recommending that apple growers establish codling moth breeding cages in their orchards by making a tightly screened cage over a few branches in one or more trees watching for the emergence of the moth before applying the first spray, wiht another ten days later and a third 20 days later, thus insuring a worm free apple crop.

CHARLESTON AND HICKMAN C. OF C. OPPOSE JONES BILL

Charleston, March 20.—The Charleston Chamber of Commerce was host to a delegation from the Hickman (Ky.) Chamber of Commerce at a noonday luncheon at which resolutions were adopted opposing the Jadwin plan for flood control and the Jones bill, whereby the lands of Mississippi and New Madrid Counties are left at the mercy of the Mississippi River at flood times.

Telegrams were sent Senator Hawes and Congressmen William L. Nelson and James F. Fulbright, commending them for their opposition to the measure and requested their continued efforts.

Resolutions also were adopted endorsing the proposed Hickman-Dorena bridge project and the building of a hard road south of Charleston, connecting Missouri with Kentucky.

EXHIBIT ATTRACTS PARENTS

The Home Economics display which was put on at the Sikeston High School Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by members of the House Furnishing class was attended by many parents and other visitors.

The exhibit consisted of four attractively furnished rooms. They were not over furnished, but were properly arranged and made the appearance of a snug four-room apartment. The exhibit was under the direction of Miss Isabelle Hess.

Mooresville—Highway west of here being graded.

Dr. A. J. Martin, dairyman, of East Praire, installed a double unit milking machine, which is driven by an electric motor. Dr. Martin is milking 12 cows and this machine will lighten his work, as it milks two cows at the same time.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL, FROM MATTHEWS

The revival now in progress at the Methodist church under the wonderful evangelist, Rev. Mrs. Blanche Scipes, is creating wide interest. The house wasc rowded Sunday night until there was hardly standing room. There were a number of converts on Sunday night. Those that don't believe in women preaching should come once and hear Mrs. Scipes. Their opinion of women preaching would be changed.

Mrs. J. S. King entertained Sunday night with a card party. The members of the Rook Club and their husbands were in attendance.

Supt. and Mrs. G. D. Englehart and little son spent the week-end with Mrs. Englehart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster at Morley.

William Deane, Jr., and Ellis Reed went to Chaffee Friday, where they played in the tournament on Canalou's independent team.

Mrs. G. D. Steele most delightfully entertained the Afternoon Rook Club Friday afternoon with a St. Patrick party. The house was artistically decorated with green shamrocks. The placards and dainty refreshments carrying out the same color scheme.

Mrs. L. O. Harper and two sons left Thursday for Flint, Mich., where Mr. Harper is now located.

Claude Gurley left Wednesday for Hot Springs, to enter a hospital to recuperate his health. Mrs. Gurley accompanied her husband, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Caruthers returned from Flint, Mich., Thursday, where Mr. Caruthers has been employed for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sigemore of Lesterville spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Settles of Big Opening attended services at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

B. F. Swartz had business in New Madrid Saturday.

The measles and mumps are raging in Matthews.

We are proud to see the interest taken in the Sunday School. There were 130 at the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday.

NEGRO WHO SHOT OFFICER BOUND TO CIRCUIT COURT

Charles Rhodes, 41-year-old negro, who shot and seriously wounder Beverly H. Simms, a deputy constable of Canalou. three miles south of here on February 10, was bound over to the New Madrid County Circuit Court, charged with felonious shooting, in a preliminary hearing before Justice Pete Smith at New Madrid, Tuesday. His bond was fixed at $1,000 which was made.

The entire afternoon was taken for the hearing. There were sixteen witnesses, five for the State and eleven for the defense. Gid Daniels, Brown Jewell and a reporter for The Standard, who heard Rhodes' statement just following the shooting, were among the State witnesses. Ed Coleman, on whose place Rhodes is employed, was a defense witness. The other witnesses were from New Madrid County.

Testimony at the hearing showed that H. G. Cathey had missed gear which Rhodes had used and which Rhodes claimed to have returned. That Mr. Cathey with Constable Simms and a negro who is employed by Mr. Cathey went to the farm where Rhodes was an recovered some of the harness which was alleged to have been stolen. That after leaving the farm it was decided to take Rhodes into custody and that the shooting occurred on the public road following words between the two men.

Tom Gallivan, defense attorney, based his plea on the grounds that it was because his client was a negro that he was being taken advantage of, that it was a case of shoot or be shot, that Simms held a knife, and that Rhodes had done what any man would do under the circumstances.

J. Val Baker. prosecuting attorney, told the court that the color or politics made no difference in this case, that it was a case of a man resisting arrest and an officer being shot down for his trouble of trying to make an arrest without violence, and that Rhodes had no cause to shoot when he had a gun and the officer had none.

Granite landmarks, numbering 240, stretch from the Swiss frontier to the seacoast of Belgium, indicating the limit of the enemy advance in the war.

Three arrests for dynamiting fish were made March 15 by Sheriff Wm. Underwood assisted by District Game Warden M. L. Edwards in Oregon County where they found Ralph McIntyre of Alton and Orville Judd and Leonard McIntyre of Thomasville engaged in this despicable as well as illegal method of killing fish. The men were bound over to the July term of court by E. P. Dorris, Circuit Judge.

Promises Are Good---But Performances Are Better!!

DOLLAR BILLS 90c

Yes! These Dollar Bills are good—so good—a million of them would make you a millionaire. We are going to need lots of change Saturday, and the first fifty men or women that bring us 90c in quarters, dimes and nickels we will give them a Crisp Brand New Dollar Bill. No! You don't have to buy a single thing to get these Dollar Bills at 90c. Just bring us the 90c in change and the Dollar Bill is yours. Of course, this is at Greener's Price Right Store, Beck Building at Front Street.

$10.00 IN GOLD FREE!

Writing a letter is too hard, we have stopped the letter contest, and instead we are going to give every person that visits our store a FREE chance on this $10.00 in Gold. No! You don't have to buy anything, just come in and get your ticket. Saturday at 5 o'clock some little baby girl will draw out six tickets. The holder of the first one she draws will receive a $5.00 bill, and the next five will get Dollar Bills. Just ask for a ticket like the ones you see in the window. One end goes in the box, and you hold the other until the little girl draws out your number. Come Friday or Saturday, everybody gets a FREE chance. Be sure and be in the store at drawing time Saturday at 5 o'clock. Greener's, of course.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COME EARLY AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Hope Domestic 10c

Best quality Nationally known HOPE DOMESTIC. Watch the Headaches this Special will cause in Sikeston. Such a big bargain we are limiting 10 yards to each customer. See it in Greener's Price Right Window tonight.

White Huck Bath Towels 10c

Big heavy, soft, absorbent Huck Bath Towels. Try and match this value in Sikeston? Yes, the echo answers—TRY. See them in the window tonight. They are yours for one little dime Friday and Saturday only.

Women's Hose Men's Socks 5c

Good house hose for women. Ideal for the home or garden wear. These Men's socks are fine for work. Remember—Talk is cheap, but what Sikeston people want is more for their money. Then come to Greener's every day.

SOISETTE PRINTS 35c

There is a big sale of this somewhere in Sikeston at 50c per yard, but why pay 50c when our every day price is only 39c. Tub fast Printed Soisette in many pretty patterns. Special Friday and Saturday.

FREE HAT

A beautiful Easter hat given FREE with every silk or rayon dress. You buy the dress and we give you the hat. Two for the price of one. Remember every dollar you spend at Greener's Price Right Store has lots more CENTS than those spent elsewhere.

FREE BELT

Someone asked Tom Baty if he was trying to give that man Greener's Store away. He said NO—just following out Greener's everyday policy of selling more merchandise of a better quality for less money than you can buy elsewhere in Sikeston at the same price. Free belt goes Men, with every pair of Dress pants Friday and Saturday.

Men's Athletic Union Suits 29c

Men's athletic Nainsook Union Suits at 29c. Not a BIG SALE price, just Greener's every day price. Buy a supply Friday and Saturday and save. Sizes for big and small men, and plenty of them, too.

BOY'S KNEE TROUSERS 39c

Everything you see advertised is placed in the windows tonight. See them with your own eyes, and then come and buy them Friday and Saturday. Here is more Boys' pants for 39c than you have seen in all your days. At Greener's.

GREENER'S

PRICE RIGHT STORE NO. 6 BECK BUILDING---FRONT STREET

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI

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Yearly subscription elsewhere in the United States $2.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

COUNTY OFFICERS

Subject to Democratic primary.

For Circuit Judge
28th Judicial Circuit
FRANK KELLY
of Cape Girardeau

For Sheriff
GEORGE C. BEAN
TOM SCOTT

For Treasurer
H. G. SCHMITZ
C. E. FELKER

For Assessor
C. A. STALLINGS

CITY OFFICERS

For Mayor
N. E. FUCHS

For City Collector
S. N. SHEPHERD
W. ED HOLLINGSWORTH
W. T. COBBS

For Police Judge
JOS. W. MYERS
W. S. SMITH
H. A. WALTON

City Attorney
A. F. HAYMES

For Constable in Richland Twp.
BROWN JEWELL

Subject to Republican primary.

For County Surveyor
JAMES A. COLLIER

NEW MADRID COUNTY

For Treasurer
Subject to Democratic Primary
WADE TUCKER

J. R. Evans of Westport, Tenn., a fiddler, was killed by a train near that city on Sunday. The train probably saved some audience of the necessity.

The Paris Appeal, edited by our brother, Jack Blanton, has been edited the past two weeks by ministers of the city in the absence of the editor in Old Mexico. It was not a bad idea, either, though we did not think the ministers were near so good as the Horse Editor of that paper. The Standard thinks it would be a good idea to let each church in Sikeston try a turn at editorial paragraphing just to see how it goes to try to please and entertain the public. We acknowledge our short comings and confess that we make no attempt to please the public, but do try to be of service in our brutal way. What say you, Mr. Minister?

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This is not a complaint, just a suggestion. Saturdays in Sikeston are usually busy days and many bills and much rubbish of one sort or other is left on the sidewalks and in the streets for Sunday morning. This looks mighty bad for a clean city but mighty good as a busy city. It has been suggested that our street sweeping department take care of the sidewalks and streets early Sunday morning that they may be more sightly. It costs no more to further suggest that the street sweep use the sprinkler while the sweeper is in operation to keep the dust from seeping into the stores and windows.

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In the spring time why do people put manure on the garden spot, on the flower beds, around the shrubs, etc. It is to produce extra yields and force extra growth. Why don't farmers try the same method on their fields by trying commercial fertilizers? It is because they think their lands are sufficiently fertile to produce bumper crops without the expense of paying for the fertilizer. With the scarcity of money for high cost help it seems that the farmer would fare better if he would put out a smaller acreage, use fertilizer to increase the yield and make more money in the end. If the manure on the garden pays, fertilizer in the field would pay. In the older States further East no farmer expects to raise a fair crop without fertilizing everything he plants in the ground and they raise good crops, too.

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Cape Girardeau—Business men considering establishment of school of aviation, founding of an airport and possible location of airplane factory here.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday evening should be largely attended by business men and their wives. Perhaps something will be said and done that will make the world look brighter, and give all of us renewed hope. When we say "and wives" that is just what we mean. No married man should attend without his wife being with him for she is the one that has to listen to the tale of woe and the one who gives the most encouragement. Let us have plenty of short talks and no stale jokes to kill time. Tell us what each of us can do to help our city and our community, and then let's do it.

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The very best advertisement Sikeston can put out at this time is to pave the most traveled streets and especially those leading north and south. We are told nearly every property owner from the Missouri Pacific tracks to the south limit of the city on Kingshighway is opposed paving this important thoroughfare because they cannot see their way to meet the expense. If this is true and we are not doubt it, then the Chamber of Commerce and the City Dads should devise ways and means whereby the work can be taken care of at the same time Malone Avenue is contracted for.

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The Standard office was honored Tuesday forenoon with a call from Senator McCawley of Carthage, who is a candidate before the Democratic voters as their standard bearer for Governor of Missouri. The editor has known Senator McCawley for a number of years and can vouch for his Democracy and his standing as a man. He has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the State for many years and has been a power in the State Senate. He is a convincing talker, is level headed and if honored with the leadership of the State ticket will be a winner in November. He expects to be back in Southeast Missouri in April and will make his headquarters in Sikeston and visit every section. You will like him when you meet him.

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Hon. A. M. Spradling of Jackson was a Standard caller a few days ago. He informed us that he would probably be a candidate for circuit judge of this judicial district and would shortly make his decision on the subject. He is one of the able lawyers of this section and is qualified in every way to fill this important position.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Illmo—Ideal Telephone Company rebuilding line in east part of this city.

Kahoka—Work on new bridge across Fox River progressing.

Neosho—New concrete bridge to be constructed at Hazel Green crossing over Indian Creek 12 miles southeast of here.

Unionville—No. 4 State Highway from here to point about 17 miles east being surveyed preparatory to graveling.

Milam—Q. O. & K. C. Railroad planning to replace its present passenger train equipment on this road with gas-electric trains.

Unionville—Movement under way to surface several streets here with shale.

Flat River— Three new street lights installed on street leading northwest from H. Jennings home.

Polo—Steel gang on Milwaukee Railroad laying new rails from Sturgse to this place.

Monett—Work begun on new highway by golf courses outh of here.

Marionville—Marionville Community Chamber of Commerce making census of dairy cattle of this district.

Jefferson City—Contract awarded for construction of new State Highway Department building.

Union—General store opened in O. L. Vedder building in North Union.

Trenton—Farmers' Exchange Bank and Bank of Trenton consolidated into Farmers' Bank of Trenton.

Pierce City—Windsor Hotel undergoing improvements.

Pierce City—Fertilizer Coproration of America begins operations at its mine northeast of here.

Cameron—Burlington Railway Co. planning to build another track from here to Kansas City.

Hunter—Combination soybean and liming meeting held at Community Theatre here recently.

Doniphan—Contract let by Doniphan Hydroelectric Company for drilling preliminary borings on Current River Hydroelectric project.

Grand Pass—W. M. Uphaus shipped car of hogs to Kansas City from here recently.

Grand Pass—Tile laid on Grand Pass hill to prevent bad seeps in road.

Republic—New route for Highway 16 from Billings to this place surveyed.

St. Charles—St. Marys Oil Engine Works will build big plant addition.

Brashear—Carload of stock shipped from here recently by farm club.

Williamsville—treet lights to be installed here in near future.

Taskee—H. Sayles' bridge crew working on railroad bridges here.

Pleasant Hill—Electric cancelor installed ni local post office.

Clinton—Turbine generator in Missouri Public Service Company's plant here being rebuilt.

Lone Jack—More houses here receiving current from Missouri Public Service Company's power line.

Trimble—Four carloads cattle, six cars sheep and car of hogs shipped from here recently.

South St. Louis—Western Mineral Water Company now located in new plant at 616 Blow Street.

Trenton—Use of home products for surfacing city streets being considered by city council.

Bethany—Middle States Utilities Company to resume installation of new cable plant for Bethany telephone system.

Monett—Excavation for T. J. Roark new grocery store next to Whitlock-Lines building begun.

Monett—Old frame building at corner of Second and Broadway being razed to make room for new Odd Fellows building.

Unionville—Armour Creameries open new produce station here.

Vandalia—Contract let for plumbing and heating of proposed new garment factory.

Centralia—Producers Grain Company shipped carload of cattle and double-deck car of hogs to St. Louis from here on recent day.

Dies After Highway Accident

Dexter, March 19.—Mrs. George W. Grant died here today of injuries received in an accident some weeks ago when the car in which she and her husband were riding on Highway No. 60, near Morehouse, was hit by an automobile driven by an intoxicated driver by the name of Woodruff. Mrs. Grant underwent an operation in an attempt to save her life. The Grant family is one of the most prominent in this community.

As many as 400 different samples of tea may be tasted in one specially busy morning by a tea-taster.

TRACK SEASON OPENS FOR SIKESTON H. S. APRIL 6

Training for the track season for both boys and girls has begun in earnest at the Sikeston High School. About twenty-four boys and half as many girls are out for practice each afternoon.

The first track meet will be a duel meet with Charleston at Charleston on April 6. On April 20 the big inter-county track meet for both boys' and girls' teams will be held here. This is the only inter-county meet in Southeast Missouri with boys and girls events. The Southeast Missouri Track Meet for High Schools to be held at the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau will be on April 28.

WOMAN POSTMASTER ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

Poplar Bluff, March 17.—Mrs. Grace C. Moore, postmaster at Holland, is at liberty today under bond following her arrest late yesterday charged with appropriating postal funds to her own use.

She is alleged to have taken funds totaling about $140 from the postoffice. Arrest was made by Deputy U. S. Marshal King, of this district. She will face trial in federal court at Cape Girardeau on April 9.

SHERIFF GETS STILLS

Sheriff Wade Tucker of New Madrid County took three stills and sixty-five barrels of mash in a raid on a farm about two miles east of La Forge Tuesday morning. A white man, Alfred Dunlap and a negro, Son Edwards, were tending one of the stills at the time of the raid. One of the stills was new and had never been used, one was being used at the time and the third had been disbanded as it had sprung a leak. The men are in the New Madrid County jail awaiting trial. Deputy Sheriff Bill James accompanied the Sheriff on the raid. Sheriff Tucker has gone a long way in cleaning New Madrid of moonshiners and bootleggers, having arrested more than 250 in the two years which he has been in office.

The bagpipe is a very ancient instrument, and appears on the sculphures and coins of Hebrews, Greeks and Romans. A terra cotta of 200 B. C. found at Tarsus, in Asia Minor, shows a figure playing a bagpipe.

Super A-B POWER FOR EVERY RADIO SET

THAT is what the new Exide Super AB Power Unit can give you. Ample power for one hour a night or many hours—for one night or every night. Range of B voltage up to 180 volts.

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Never---Never---In Our Life Have We Seen Such Genuine Enthusiasm Over a Selling Out Sale

PACKED—JAMMED TO A POINT OF SUFFOCATION—THE SELLING OUT SALE IS THE TALKING SENSATION FOR 50 MILES AROUND

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we thank our friends and customers for the tremendous response to this sale supreme, and to show our appreciation we are letting down the bars to the greatest money saving values ever recorded in Missouri. There are still immense assortments of quality merchandise that will go before the axe for quick clean up. A few prices that stand out like a light house.

Get Here Some How—Pick Quick!

SUITS FOR LADIES
We want you to see the material. They sold formerly to $75.00 and will make good work wraps or clothing for children. Your choice of rack $2.45

MEN'S FINE NEW HATS, LATEST ARRIVALS, INCLUDING STETSONS, ONE-THIRD OFF

LADIES' HOSE
Gordon Silk Hose, $2.50 grade $1.98
$2.00 Gordon Hose $1.69
$1.50 Gordon Hose $129
$1.00 Gordon Hose 69c
Children's Shoes to $2.00 values at 98c

Every Day At 9:00 A. M. When We Open, We Will Have An Early Bird Special

Bleak Thread, 2 spools.....3c
50c Out-size Hose 22c
Ladies' Hats, one lrage rack, all prices assembled to $3.....69c
Men's sheep-lined coats ..$3.95
Brown Domestic LL, yd.....7½c
Men's Extra Fine $3.50 Dress Shirts $1.95
$2.00 Dress Shirts $1.29

ALL REMANTS ½ PRICE

Men's Coat Sweaters, part wool, roll neck, in grey or brown. Out they go 98c
Oil Cloth 23c
Men's and boys' fine dress caps, $1.50 values 69c
Men's Shoes and Oxfords, to $6.50 value, now $2.45

Men's Suits and Top Coats ½ Price

Men's Oxfords, $7.50 value, (one rack choice) $3.45
$6.50 Goloshes, closing out $3.95
Ladies' fine footwear to $7.50 values, choice rack. Out they go at $2.85
$4.95 Goloshes, closing out $2.95
Men's fine wool sweaters up to $12.00, now $4.95

Stock up for next fall

Men's Lumber-jacks to $5.00 values, now $1.95
$4.00 black knee boots.....$2.85
Hood Hip Boots, $6.75 value, now $4.45
Hood Knee Boots, $4.75 value, now $3.35

NOVELTY GOODS. THE ENTIRE LOT IN OUR FRONT SHOW CASE ½ PRICE

Toilet Paper, roll 2½c
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10c
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MOUNT OLYMPUS WILD AND HARD TO REACH

Mount Olympus, which rises from the shore of the Gulf of Saloniki between Thessaly and Macedonia, flanked on the south by the Pence River and on the north by the Vistritza (the ancient Haliacmon), is divided by Petra Pass and by the Vale of Karyai nto thre segments or ranges—the Piertian Mountains on the edge of Macedonia, Low Olympus, whose slopes descend into the Vale of Tempe, and High Olympus in the center. A wild valley, which owes its name to the convent of Saint Denys, runs in almost to the base of the central peaks and to an almost impenetrable depth.

It was here on these inaccesible summits that Hephaistos reared the fair dwellings where the gods drank nectar and ate ambrosia. Neither rain, nor winds, nor snow disturbed the cloudless ether about them. While the Fates engraved the destinies of humankind upon the brazen walls of their palaces, they watched the dances of the Graces, varied at the dictation of the white ramed Muses. Seated on the steps of the throne of Zeus, Themis Justice) inspired his decrees and Iris, swift of foot, who never unlaced her sandals, was her messenger.

Thus life flowed on everlastingly for the 12 great gods and their court on the "holy and terrible mountain".

Under the Macedonian kings the mountain passed from legend into history. In their struggles with the Greeks and Romans its barriers and passes played a contniuous role. It served them as the base of attack and as the base of defense; and only the unbelievable daring of the consul Marcius Philippus overcame the obstacle. He dared the heights of Low Olympus and penetrated as far as the sea with cavalry, elephants and baggage train, traversing steep slopes where the trees of the Callipeuce forest rose tier upon tier and were probably no smaller than the pines. beeches and chestnuts which again cover the whole landscape today.

With this conquest, Olympus for centuries was merely a name. In Middle Ages a monk of the Meteora raised an altar to the Holy Trinity in a secluded valley between the peaks and founded the convent of which later he was to become the patron under the designation of aint Denys. It was probably about this time that the Wallachian nomads drove their flocks to these pastures and gradually substituted stone houses for their usual hovels.

William de l'Isle's map of Greece published in 1707, shoiwng Olympus as Mt. Lacha, indicated to what an extent geographically it had fallen into oblivion. It was not until it became the last refuge of the mountaineers who refused to bow beneath the Turkish yoke that mythology definitely surrendered the mountain to reality. Restored thus to the klephtes, or Greek outlaws, the Armatoles (Greek mercenaries who fought for the Turks) found it an impregnable barrier and as such celebrated it in their folk songs.

But the habits of banditry, though originally enlistedi n a worthy cause, were not easily to be given up. The descendants of the Greek guerrillas (pallikars) who fought for independence and held their Trukish masters for ransom, gradually turned their attention to the traders and travelers who were obliged to use the mountain passes. It is for this reason that today, in the heart of twentieth century Europe, this great knot of mountains, passed evrey day by vessels bound from Athens to Constantinople, is less known than most of Central Africa. Rising between Greece and Turkey it was a safe refuge for the klephtes when soldiers were sent in pursuit of them. The only temptation to penetration was the passion for exploration—and explorers were comparatively rare.

Sonnini, who went to the orient by order of Louis XVI in 1780; the English diplomat, Uquhart, in 1830; Heuzey, the French archeologist, in 1855; the German geograpehr, Heinrich Barth, in 1862; the Englishman, Tozer, in 1865; Gorceix, a member of the French school at Athens, in 1869; Captain Gerstner, the Austrian, in 1875—these adventurers successively assailed the slopes of Olympus, crossing ridges and scaling some of the peaks, such as aint Elias and Sarai and lal, in the wake of Barth, reported the unconquerable nature of the still virgin central peak. It was not until 1904 and 1905 that Cvijic, a Serbian geographer, again attempted the ascension of those mighty bastions where, as the old song has it, "each bush concealed a klepht".

Richter, a German geographer, was to learn to his cost that the song did not lie. In three expeditions between 1909 and 1911 he made fruitless attempts to scale the central height. On the occasion of the last assault the Lolios bandits fell upon and murdered the two gendarems who served him as guards. He himself was taken prisoner nad held for ransom four months in the caverns. Finally the Turkish government paid hte ransom and he was released.

This adventure justified the warning of the engineers who were building the Athens-Saloniki line in 1907 when they advised us not to attempt the ascent to which we had been lured by the grandeur of Olympus, as seen from the plains of Thessaly.

After a visit to the Cyclades and Crete in 1911, we found ourselves in Saloniki toward the end of July, 1913. We had just crossed the liberated Epirus and the Pindus and it was our intention to rejoin the Greek army, which had been victorious over the Bulgars, on the banks of the Struma. But cholera was raging in the ranks of the heroes of Kilkich and it was impossible to return to the front without being vaccinated. Two inoculations were necessary at a week's interval; and it was in this week of enforced rest that wed ecided to make one attack on Olympus and ascend at least Mount aint Elias.

July 30, having made camp on the edge of the forest at a place called Petrostrunga, passing over the ridge wherep robably before us the priests of Dion had gone to make sacrifices to Zeus and Hellos, we reached the littles tone chapel dedicated to Elias, the god's successor, whose dome rises to a height of several meters. Below the chapel stretched a grassy valley, blue with gentians, perhaps the flowery meadows surrounding the palaces where the gods savored a happiness as durable as their everlasting days.

To the south a deep rocky tunnel, still filled with snow, separates Saint Elias from a vast rocky pile with verticle needles. This rises to a hundred-odd meters and is the southernmost of the three central peaks. It is the "Stephan" (crown) on the Kurz map and the throne of Zeus himself.

Laden with two chamois which they had shot, our guides led us straight down into the Saint Denys Valley, followin gthe Mavrolongo ridge. From the point where this ridge leaves the Saint Elias plateau. Kakalos, the head guide, pointed out a spire of rock to the south of the throne of Zeus and divided from it by a deep gulf. 'That", said he, "is the highest point, but no one has ever gone there, and no one ever will". Lower down, under some huge pines, he indicated a woodchopper's hut built of planks. "That is the starting point", he told me, "from which we must try to find, farther to the south, the defile whi chmay possibly take us there".

The man had guessed my secret ambition, and two days later, August 1 instead of returning to Saloniki as we had intended,w e turned in on beds of damp foliage to spend the night at the hut Boissonnas. Christos Kakalos, another hunter called Nico, the two muleteers in charge of the pack animals, and myself. August 2, in spite of fog, sleet and wind, and inadequate equipment, and although deserted by our camera bearers who balked at the first difficulties, we attained, after five hours of climbing under the leadership of Kakalos, the jagged summit which we at fisrt had thought the highest in the chain. Here we paused long enough to erect a small cairn in which we placed a bottle containing our cards, upon which I scrawled some brief data with stiff fingers; we were soaked to the skin.

A sudden gust of wind momentarily swept aside the fog, and high above us, across a bottomless gulf, we beheld a rocky pinnacle, hsining in the sunlight. The awe which overwhelmed Hugo's satyr smote us to the marrow of our bones—"Of a sudden he was dazzled by a flood of light and, the curtain abruptly snatched aside, beheld the terrible gods in their beatific majesty".

Zeus laughed us to scorn. We had lost the battle. There was nothing for it but to beat an ignominious retreat, which we did, with heavy hearts. Presently I got the impression that Christos, who was leading, had lost his way in the fog, which had fallen thicker than ever; he was, it apperaed, veering toward the north, and an instant later we found ourselves performing perilous acrobatics on the almost perpendicular sloppes of the east face of the mountain. Suddenly he stopped at the foot of a vertical crevice.

"Gorphi, apano! That leads to the summit!" he shouted. Did we want to keep on? Did we! "Embros—forward!" The brave chap had refused to acknowledge defeat. He had found the foot of the "ladder" which had been described to me, a ladder so steep in one place that he was obliged to discard the camera with which he was burdened.

The fog had now thinned to a mist and the sun began to warm us. We clambered furiously upward. A final effort and we had won. It was 10:25 a. m. This time we had indeed reached the top of Mount Olympus, and not the mere summit of a minor chain. A little heap of stones far below showed us the peak where we had been so cruely disappointed that we promptly named it the Tarpian Rock. From Mount Parnassus, north of the Gulf of Corinth, to Saloniki, across Thessaly and Macedonia, from the Pindus range to Mount Athos and the island of Skyros, our gaze swept. Beneath us the veil of Iris flung its rainbow tints and above us swept the eagfle of Zeus with cruel, melancholy scream.....Nectar and ambrosia! What a divine savior had life!—Commercial Appeal.

Two bibles were presented to the Sikeston High School last week by the local chapter of the W. C. T. U.

Shipments of Mexican quail to be distributed to the new auxiliary game refuges already established in Missouri have begun March 18 and are coming in lots of 1000 at a time. Ten of these refuges have been selected since the first of the year and are located in Marion, Greene, Newton, Vernon, Hickory, Callaway, Clark, Nodaway, Adair, Macon and Randolph Counties.

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Men who stand high in the business world tell us the year 1928 offers a fair reward to retail merchants who are "on their toes" with stocks of stylish, serviceable merchandise at fair cost to consumers---all well mixed with up to date service. We believe they are correct.

The same writers tell us that merchants who lose spirit and lag behind, waiting for something to happen that will bring in a profit, will very likely finish the year but a step or two ahead of the sheriff if they finish at all. Probably right again.

This firm "chooses" to enlist with the first mentioned crowd. And, come to think of it, there are a lot of fighting merchants left in Southeast Missouri who do not seem to know when they are licked. Their courage and bull dog tenacity is an inspiration to those who know the rocky road they have been forced to travel for some years. May their tribe increase.

This announcement is to give you but a hint of the many pretty pieces we have for making homes more attractive, and that seems to be necessary if parents would hold family ties unbroken.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROOTWAD

Miss Iva Hutchison and Mr. Mitchell of near Tanner were married last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will make their home in Texas.

The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell was celebrated by a wedding supper. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charley Curtner, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hutchison and Mr. and Mrs. White. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

S. L Fennimore and Ivy Lewis were among the many men that attended the Bible Class banquet at Sikeston Friday night

Ben Hahn and son made a trip to Dexter Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alsup received a new phonograph Friday afternoon, which means they will have music for a while.

Remember the box supper at Rootwad, March 23. Everybody invited. Girls bring your boxes.

David Allard is on the sick list and was unable to attend the Bible Class banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fennimore of near Tanner gave a surprise birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Fennimore's mother. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Fennimore of Bertrand, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Armstrong of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Contazer of Sikeston, Miss Martha Causey, Miss Rubie Little and Ed Smith. The dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. T. W. Patterson and son visited the former's daughter, of Benton, Ill., Saturday and Sunday.

J. S. Hodges and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Burns and family of near Crowder.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood of near Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown of Sikeston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burns, Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Mullin visited Mrs. T. W. Patterson, Tuesday afternoon.

Say, Miss Martha, isn't it fine that Herman Sutton can beat Dallas Wallace's time?

Everyone come to Rootwad Friday night to the box supper and program. A good time is expected and if you don't come you sure will miss something.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will give a bake sale Saturday at Davey's Plumbing Shop.

Orren Wilson, candidate for Circuit Judge of this district on the Republican ticket. was a visitor at The Standard office Tuesday.

The Bat

A Novel from the Play

By
Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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CHAPTER V

Cross-Questions and Crooked Answers.

All unconscious of the slur just cast upon her forty years of single-minded devotion to the Van Gorder family, Lizzie chose that particular moment to open the door and make a little bob at her mistress and the detective.

"The gentleman's room is ready," she said.

Miss Cornelia, obedient to the detective's instructions, promptly told the whitest of fibs for Lizzie's benefit.

"The maid will show you to your room now and you can make yourself comfortable for the night." There—that would mislead Lizzie, without being quite a lie.

"My toilet is made for an occasion like this when I've got my gun loaded," answered Anderson carelessly. The allusian to the gun made Lizzie start nervously, unhappily for her, for it drew his attention to her and he now transfixed her with a stare.

"This is the maid you referred to?" he inquired. Miss Cornelia assented. He drew nearer to the unhappy Lizzie.

"What's your name?" he asked, turning to her.

"E-Elizabeth Allen," stammered Lizzie, feeling like a small and distrustful sparrow in the toils of an officious python.

Anderson seemed to run through a mental rogues' gallery of other criminals named Elizabeth Allen that he had known.

"How old are you?" he proceeded.

Lizzie braced herself. "Thirty-two," she said, with an arch toss of her head.

The detective looked surprised and slightly amused.

"She's fifty if she's a day," said Miss Cornelia, treacherously, in spite of a look from Lizzie that would have melted a stone.

The trace of a smile appeared and vanished on the detective's face.

"Now, Lizzie," he said sternly, "do you ever walk in your sleep?"

"I do not," said Lizzie indignantly. "Don't care for the country, I suppose?"

"I do not!"

"Or detectives?" Anderson deigned to be facetious.

"I do not!" There could be no doubt as to the sincerity of Lizzie's answer.

"All right, Lizzie. Be calm. I can stand it," said the detective with treacherous suavity. But he favored her with a long and careful scrutiny before he moved to the table and picked up the note that had been thrown through the window. Quietly he extended it beneath Lizzie's nose.

"Ever see this before?" he said crisply, watching her face.

Lizzie read the note with bulging eyes, her face horror-stricken. When

"How Old Are You?" He Proceeded.

she had finished, she made a gesture of wild disclaimer that nearly removed a portion of Anderson's left ear.

"Mercy on us!" she moaned, mentally invoking not only her patron-saint but all the rosary of Heaven to protect herself and her mistress.

But the detective still kept his eye on her.

"Didn't write it yourself, did you?" he queried curtly.

"I did not!" said Lizzie angrily. "I did not!" and she flounced out of the room in high dudgeon, her pompadour bristling, before he had time to interrogate her further.

He replaced the note on the table and turned back to Miss Cornelia. If he had found any clew to the mystery in Lizzie's demeanor, she could not read it in his manner.

"Now, what about the butler?" he said.

"Nothing about him—except that he was Courtleigh Fleming's servant."

Anderson paused. "Do you consider that significant?"

A shadow appeared behind him deep in the alcove—a vague, listening figure—Dale, on tiptoe, conspiratorial, taking pains not to draw the attention of the others to her presence. But both Miss Cornelia and Anderson were too engrossed in their conversation to notice her.

Miss Cornelia hesitated.

"Isn't it possible that there is a connection between the colossal theft at the Union bank and these disturbances?" she said.

Anderson seemed to think over the question.

"What do you mean?" he asked, as Dale slowly moved into the room from the alcove, silently closing the alcove doors behind her, and still unobserved.

"Suppose," said Miss Cornelia slowly, "that Courtleigh Fleming took that money from his own bank and concealed it in this house?" The eavesdropper grew rigid.

"That's the theory you gave headquarters, isn't it?" said Anderson. "But I'll tell you how headquarters figures it out. In the first place, the cashier is missing. In the second place, if Courtleigh Fleming did it and got as far as Colorado, he had it with him when he died, and the facts apparently don't bear that out. In the third place, suppose he had hidden the money in or around this house. Why did he rent it to you?"

"But he didn't," said Miss Cornelia, obstinately, "I leased this house from his nephew—his heir."

The detective smiled tolerantly.

"Well, I wouldn't struggle like that for a theory," he said, the professional note coming back to his voice. "The cashier's missing—that's the answer."

"Then you don't think there's a chance that the money from the Union bank is in this house?" persisted Miss Cornelia.

"I think it very unlikely.'

Miss Cornelia put her knitting away and rose. She still clung tenaciously to her own theories—but her belief in them had been badly shaken.

"If you'll come with me, I'll show you to your room," she said, a little stiffly. The detective stepped back to let her pass.

"Sorry to spoil your little theory,' he said, and followed her to the door. If either had noticed the unobtrusive listener to their conversation, neither made a sign.

The moment the door had closed on them, Dale sprang into action. She seemed a different girl from the one who had left the room so inconspicuously such a short time before—there were two bright spots of color in her cheeks and she was obviously laboring under great excitement. She went quickly to the alcove doors—they opened softly—disclosing the young man who had said that he was Brooks the new gardener—and yet not the same young man—for his assumed air of servitude had dropped from him like a cloak, revealing him as a young fellow at least of the same general social class as Dale's if not a fellow-inhabitant of the select circle where Van Gorders revolved about Van Gorders, and a man's great-grandfather was more important than the man himself.

Dale cautioned him with a warning finger as he advanced into the room.

"Sh! Sh!" she whispered. "Be careful! That man's a detective!"

Brooks gave a hunted glance at the door into the hall.

"Then they've traced me here," he said in a dejected voice.

"I don't think so."

He made a gesture of helplessness.

"I couldn't get back to my rooms," he said in a whisper. "If they've searched them," he paused, "as they're sure to—they'll find your letters to me." He paused again.

"Your aunt doesn't suspect anything?"

"No, I told her I'd engaged a gardener—and that's all there was about it."

He came nearer to her. "Dale!" he murmured in a tense voice. "You know I didn't take that money!" he said, with boyish simplicity.

All the loyalty of first-love was in her answer.

"Of course! I believe in you absolutely!" she said. He caught her in his arms and kissed her—gratefully—passionately. Then the galling memory of the predicament in which he stood—the hunt already on his trail—came back to him. He released her gently, still holding one of her hands.

"But—the police here!" he stammered, turning away. "What does that mean?"

Dale swiftly informed him of the situation.

"Aunt Cornelia says people have been trying to break into this house for days—at night."

Brooks ran his hand through his hair in a gesture of bewilderment. Then he seemed to catch at a hope.

"What sort of people?" he queried sharply.

Dale was puzzled. "She doesn't know."

The excitement in her lover's manner came to a head. "That proves exactly what I've contended right along," he said, thudding one fist softly in the palm of the other. "Through some underneath channel old Fleming has been selling those securities for months, turning them into cash. And somebody knows about it, and knows that that money is hidden here. Don't you see? Your Aunt Cornelia has crabbed the game by coming here."

"Why didn't you tell the police that? Now they think, because you ran away—"

"Ran away! The only chance I had was a few hours to myself to try to prove what actually happened."

"Why don't you tell the detective what you think?" said Dale at her wits' end. "That Courtleigh Fleming took the money and that it is still here?"

Her lover's face grew somber.

"He'd take me into custody at once—and I'd have no chance to search."

He was searching now—his eyes roved about the living-room—walls—ceiling—hopefully—desperately—looking for a clew—the tiniest clew to support his theory.

"Why are you so sure it is here?" queried Dale.

"Brooks explained. "You must remember—Fleming was no ordinary defaulter—and he had no intention of being exiled to a foreign country. He wanted to come back here and take his place in the community while I was in the pen."

"But even then—"

He interrupted her. "Listen, dear—" He crossed to the billiard room door, closed it firmly, returned.

"The architect that built this house was an old friend of mine," he said in hushed accents. "We were together in France and you know the way fellows get to talking when they're far away and cut off—" He paused, seeing the cruel gleam of a star-shell—two figures huddled in a trench, whiling away the terrible hours of waiting by muttered talk.

"Just an hour or two before—a shell got this friend of mine," he resumed, "he told me he had built a hidden room in this house."

"Where?" gasped Dale.

Brooks shook his head. "I don't know. We never got to finish that conversation. But I remember what he said. He said, 'You watch old Fleming. If I get mine over here it won't break his heart. He didn't want any living being to know about that room.'"

Now Dale was as excited as he.

"Then you think the money is in this hidden room?"

"I do," said Brooks decidedly. "I don't think Fleming took it away with him. He was too shrewd for that. No, he meant to come back all right, the minute he got the word the bank had been looted. And he'd fixed things so I'd be railroaded to prison—you wouldn't understand, but it was pretty neat. And then the fool nephew rents this house the minute he's dead, and whoever knows bout the money—"

"Jack! Why isn't it the nephew who is trying to break in?"

"He wouldn't have to break in. He could make an excuse and come in any time."

He clenched his hands despairingly.

"If I could only get hold of a blue print of this place!" he muttered.

Dale's face fell. It was sickening to be so close to the secret—and yet not find it. "Oh, Jack, I'm so confused and worried!" she confessed with a little sob.

Brooks put his hands on her shoulders, in an effort to cheer her spirits.

"Now, listen, dear," he said firmly, "this isn't as hard as it sounds. I've got a clear night to work in—and as true as I'm standing here, that money's in this house. Listen, honey—it's like this." He pantomimed the old nursery rhyme of the house that Jack built. "Here's the house that Courtleigh Fleming built—here, somewhere, is the hidden room in the house that Courtleigh Fleming built—and here—somewhere—pray heaven—is the money—in the hidden room—in the house that Courtleigh Fleming built. When you're low in your mind, just say that over!"

She managed a faint smile. "I've forgotten it already," she said, drooping.

He still strove for an offhand gaiety that he did not feel.

"Why, look here!" and she followed the play of his hands obediently, like a tired child. "It's a sort of game, dearest. 'Money, money—who's got the money? You know!" For the dozenth time he stared at the unrevealing walls of the room. "For that matter," he added, "the hidden room may be behind these very walls."

He looked about for a tool—a poker—anything that would sound the walls and test them for hollow spaces. Ah! he had it—that driver in the bag of golf clubs over in the corner. He got the driver and stood wondering where he had best begin. That blank wall above the fireplace looked as promising as any. He tapped it gently with the golf club—afraid to make too much noise and yet anxious to test the wall as thoroughly as possible. A dull, heavy reverberation answered his stroke—nothing hollow there, apparently.

As he tried another spot, again thunder beat the long roll on its iron drum outside, in the night. The lights blinked—wavered—recovered.

"The lights are going out again," said Dale dully, her excitement sunk into a stupefied calm.

"Let them go! The less light the better for me. The only thing to do is to go over this house room by room." He pointed to the billiard room door. "What's in there?"

"The billiard room." She was thinking hard. "Jack! Perhaps Courtleigh Fleming's nephew would know where the blue-prints are!"

He looked dubious. "It's a chance, but not a very good one," he said. "Well—" He led the way into the billiard room—and began to rap at random upon its walls while Dale listened intently for any echo that might betray the presence of a hidden chamber or sliding panel.

Thus it happened that Lizzie received the first real thrill of what was to prove to her—and to others—a sensational and hideous night. For, coming into the living room to lay a cloth for Mr. Anderson's night supper, not only did the lights blink threateningly and the thunder roll, but a series of spirit raps was certainly to be heard coming from the region of the billiard room.

"Oh, my God!" she wailed, and the next instant the lights went out, leaving her in inky darkness. With a loud shriek she bolted out of the room.

Thunder — lightning — dashing of rain on the streaming glass of the windows—the storm hallooing its hounds. Dale huddled close to her lover as they groped their way back to the living room, cautiously, doing their best to keep from stumbling against some heavy piece of furniture whose fall would arouse the house.

"There's a candle on the table, Jack, if I can find the table." Her outstretched hands touched a familiar object. "Here it is." She fumbled for a moment. "Have you any matches?"

"Yes." He struck one—another—lit the candle—set it down on the table. In the weak glow of the little taper, whose tiny flame illuminated but a portion of the living room, his face looked tense and strained.

"It's pretty near hopeless," he said, "if all the walls are paneled like that."

As if in mockery of his words and his quest, a muffled knocking that seemed to come from the ceiling of the very room he stood in answered his despair.

"What's that?" asked Dale.

They listened. The knocking was repeated — knock — knock—knock — knock.

"Some one else is looking for the hidden room!" muttered Brooks, gazing up at the ceiling intently, as if he could tear from it the secret of this new mystery by sheer strength of will.

"It's upstairs!" Dale took a step toward the alcove stairs. Brooks halted her.

"Who's in this house besides ourselves?" he queried.

"Only the detective—Aunt Cornelia—Lizzie—and Billy."

"Billy's the Jap?"

"Yes."

Brooks paused an instant. "Does he belong to your aunt?"

"No. He was Courtleigh Fleming's butler."

Knock — knock—knock—knock—the dull, methodical rapping on the ceiling of the living room began again.

"Courtleigh Fleming's butler, eh?" muttered Brooks. He put down his candle and stole noiselessly into the alcove. "It may be the Jap!" he whispered.

Knock — knock — knock — knock! This time the mysterious rapping seemed to come from the upper hall.

"If it is the Jap, I'll get him!" Brooks' voice was tense with resolution. He hesitated—made for the hall door—tiptoed out into the darkness around the main staircase, leaving Dale alone in the living room, beset by shadowy terrors.

Utter silence succeeded his noiseless departure. Even the storm lulled for a moment. Dale stood thinking—wondering—searching desperately for some way to help her lover.

At last a resolution formed in her mind. She went to the city telephone.

"Hello," she said in a low voice, glancing over her shoulder now and then to make sure she was not overheard, "1—2—4—please—yes, that's right. Hello—is that the Country club? Is Mr. Richard Fleming there? Yes, I'll hold the wire."

She looked about nervously. Had something moved in that corner of blackness where her candle did not pierce? No! How silly of her!

Buzz-buzz on the telephone. She picked up the receiver again.

"Hello—is this Mr. Fleming? This is Miss Ogden—Dale Ogden. I know it must seem odd my calling you this

She Looked About Nervously.

late, but—I wonder if you could come over here for a few minutes. Yes—tonight." Her voice grew stronger. "I wouldn't trouble you but—it's awfully important. Hold the wire a moment." She put down the phone and made another swift survey of the room, listened furtively at the door—all clear! She returned to the phone.

"Hello—Mr. Fleming—I'll wait outside the house on the drive. It—it's a confidential matter. Thank you so much."

She hung up the phone, relieved—not an instant too soon, for, as she crossed toward the fireplace to add a a new log to the dying glow of the fire, the hall door opened and Anderson, the detective, came softly in with an unlighted candle in his hand.

"Spooky sort of place in the dark, isn't it?" he said casually.

"Yes—rather." If he would only go away before Brooks came back or Richard Fleming arrived! But he seemed in a distressingly chatty frame of mind.

"Left me upstairs without a match," continued Anderson. "I found my way down by walking part of the way and falling the rest. Don't suppose I'll ever find the room I left my toothbrush in!" He laughed, lighted the candle in his hand from the candle on the table.

"You're not going to stay up all night, are you?" said Dale, nervously, hoping he would take the hint. But he seemed entirely oblivious of such minor considerations as sleep. He took out a cigar.

"Oh, I may doze a bit," he said. He eyed her with a certain approval. She was a darned pretty girl and she looked intelligent. "I suppose you have a theory of your own about these intrusions you've been having here? Or apparently having."

"I knew nothing about them until tonight."

"Still," he persisted conversationally, "you know about them now." But when she remained silent, "Is Miss Van Gorder usually—of a nervous temperament? Imagine she sees things, and all that?"

"I don't think so." Dale's voice was strained. Where was Brooks? What had happened to him?

Anderson puffed on his cigar, pondering. "Know the Flemings?" he asked.

"I've met Mr. Richard Fleming—once or twice."

Something in her tone caused him to glance at her. "Nice fellow?"

"I don't know him at all well."

"Know the cashier of the Union bank?" he shot at her suddenly.

"No!" She strove desperately to make the denial convincing but she could not hide the little tremor in her voice.

The detective mused.

"Fellow of good family, I understand," he said, eyeing her. "Very popular. That's what's behind most of these bank embezzlements—men getting into society and spending more than they make."

Dale hailed the tinkle of the city telephone with an inward sigh of relief. The detective moved to answer the house phone on the wall by the alcove—mistaking the direction of the ring.

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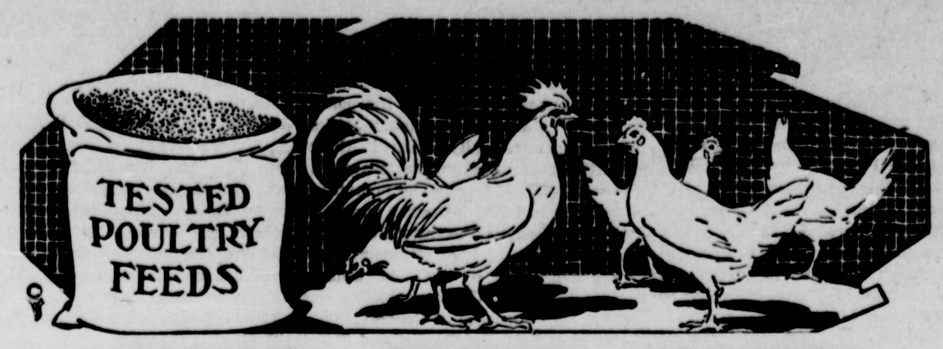

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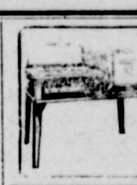

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RED CROSS NOTICE

All who joined the recent Red Cross membership drive are requested to attend the annual meeting for purpose of electing officers, adopting program and any other business.

Meeting 2:00 P. M., Monday, March 26, Chamber of Commerce Room

WAITRESSES WANTED—Wanted two experienced waitresses.—Hotel Marshall.
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C. OF C. BANQUET PROGRAM ARRANGED

Tickets for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet which is to be held at the Methodist Church tonight (Friday) were selling well Thursday afternoon. The plans for the program were not entirely complete, but several additions have been made since the first announcement in Tuesday's Standard.

The purpose of the meeting is to give an idea of the present conditions and what may be expected for next year for Sikeston. E. C. Matthews will act as toastmaster. The local speakers will include C. D. Matthews on the road outlook in general, A. Ray Smith and E. C. Matthews on Sikeston's opportunities as to highways, G. A. Dempster and C. E. Brenton on the Economical Conditions Affecting Retail Business, G. B. Greer on Dairying, W. H. Sikes, the Future Development of Truck Gardening and John Reiss on poultrying.

An illustrated lecture on the White Way in general will be given through the lighting committee by a representative of the Westinghouse Electric Company. The machine and slides are being brought here from Charleston.

Members and guests are expected to bring their wives as the banquet is for them also. Music will be furnished for the banquet by local talent.

The proposition of a catalog for the Sikeston merchants will not be discussed in detail as this is not to be a business meeting. The committee which is working on the project reports that it has met with the approval of the majority of the merchants and that some action relative to getting it out will be taken at the next business meeting. There were more than thirty business houses which have indicated that they would back the proposition.

APRIL TO BE CRAMED WITH GOOD SHOWS FOR SIKESTON

The picture show goers of Sikeston and this vicinity have a real treat in store for the month of April. During that month the Malone Theatre will present a galaxity of feature pictures including some of the very newest releases. Twelve or fifteen of these pictures have had long runs in the cities and others are yet to open there.

Among the feature pictures for the month are: Lon Chaney in "The Big City", Pola Negri in "Barbed Wire", "Norma Talmadge in "Camille", Ramon Navarro and Alice Terry in "Loves", Marian Davies in "The Patsy", Colleen Moore in "Her Wild Oat", Adolph Menjou in "Service For Ladies", J. Farrell McDonald in "Bringing Up Father," Bebe Daniels in "She's a Shiek", Esther Ralston in "Figures Don't Lie", Milton Sills in "Burning Daylight", Richard Barthlemess in "The Little Sheppherd of Kingdom Come" and Richard Dix in "Sporting Goods".

NEGRO FUNERAL THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Opal G. Scarborough, negro, who died in St. Louis Tuesday were held at the Sunset Cemetery Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Scarborough was the daughter of Harry Goodwin of Sikeston. She was 23 years of age and is survived by her husband and one child. Death was caused by peritonitis.

HAS NEW EQUIPMENT

The local Coca Cola Bottling Works has recently installed several new pieces of machinery to their equipment which makes the local plant one of the best equipped in this section.

Some of our oil magnates whose testimony is wanted did choose to run. —Arkansas Gazette.

SCHOOL BOARD NAMES TWO FOR RE-ELECTION

The names of Frank Mount and J. F. Cox will appear on the school election ballot April 3 for re-election, by request of the other four members of the board and with the consent of the men named.

It was decided further at the regular School Board meeting held Wednesday night, that the High School gym would not be used for political speeches unless the speaker be of national importance or the speech of an educational nature. In either of the latter cases the permission may be granted by the board in a special meeting.

Attorney Ralph E. Bailey was authorized to act for the Sikeston School District in the matter of recovering some $6200 in capital school bonds which were lost with the failure of the Bank of Benton. When the Bank of Benton failed about a year ago, the County Court had money on deposit which had not been pro rated. Of this money the Sikeston School District was entitled to about $6200. In order to recover the money the action must be taken through the County as the money was deposited in the name of the county and not the School District. Prosecuting Attorney Montgomery will reprseent the County and Ray B. Lucas will represent the County Court.

FARM LAND VALUATION CUT IS RECOMMENDED

Welcome news to landowners and taxpayers in Southeast Missouri is the announcement that the farm land valuation in this section are to be reduced by the Missouri State Board of Equalization when it meets on Thursday and Friday of this week. The County Court of this county was advised the early part of this month that the valuation upon which taxes was paid in 1927, was to be reduced approximately ten per cent, but, of course, in sections where the flood wrought its greatest damage, this was not enough and officials, who are favorable to this section, including Forrest Smith, the only Democratic member of the State Tax Commission, have been working for a greater reduction, and the Tax Commission has now made a recommendation, which will no doubt be passed upon favorably by the State Board of Equalization on Friday, wherbey the valuation upon which taxes were paid in 1927, will be reduced 15 per cent, thereby reducing the valuation of $14,819,706 of 1927, to $12,985,016, for 1928. This will reduce the average value per acre from $46.43 upon which taxes were paid in 1927, to an average tentative value of $39.04.

The three county judges, C. H. Robards, J. A. C. Fisher, and Ed Allen, accompanied by Elmer Hicklin, recorder of deeds, who acted as chauffeur, were in Jefferson City on Wednesday of last week when they appeared before the State Tax Commission, asking for a further reduction, more than had been offered under the proposed ten per cent rduction of the valuation upon which taxes were paid in 1927. They were given no definite assurance while they were in Jefferson City, but it has later developed that the Tax Commission is now ready, and is making the following recommendation to the State Board of Equalization, regarding farm land values in Southeast Missouri:

County	Valuation paid on in 1927
Dunklin	$14.819,706
Mississippi	12,617,027
Pemiscot	13,701,530
Scott	9,840,984
Stoddard	14.498,414
New Madrid	20,455,553
County	Av. Val. per acre '27
Dunklin	$46.42
Mississippi	48.83
Pemiscot	44.97
Scott	37.9
Stoddard	28.02
New Madrid	48.37
County	Tentative Val., '28
Dunklin	$12,985,016
Mississippi	10,041,989
Pemsicot	11,802,163
Scott	9,038,788
Stoddard	13,732,497
New Madrid	16,337,783
County	Av. etn. va. acre '28
Dunklin	$39.04
Mississippi	38.86
Pemiscot	39.16
Scott	34.83
Stoddard	26.53
New Madrid	38.70

Mr. Smith, who, as stated above is the only Democratic member of the Tax Commission, is from Ray County. Last fall, he made a trip through this section of the State, and his report to the comission undobutedly exerted a great influence in getting them to make the increased reduction in valuation. Mr. Smith has stated that he is fairly certain that the recommendation made by the commission of which he is a member will be daopted by the State Board of Equalization.—Dunklin Democrat.

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BOAZ AND COMPANIONS FACE ILLINOIS CHARGE

Ollie Boaz (Sams) and the two men who were arrested with him at Cape Girardeau three weeks ago by Sheriff E. A. Dye and his son were taken to Jonesboro, Ill.. this week, where they will be tried on a robbery charge. The men were identified by officers from the Illinois town sometime ago, but were held at Benton until this week in an effort to link them more closely with the Qulin robbery.

The three men, Boaz and the two who claim their names to be Fred Bryant and Scott Taylor, were said to have been riding in the same Essex car in which they were captured by the sheriff at the time of the Illinois robbery. The ownership of the car was traced, but was not proven to have been stolen. The officers believe that Taylor and Bryant have given false names.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS GIVEN

The two plays given at the High School gym Thursday night were "Our Aunt From California" and "Not Quite Such a Goose". The first was presented by members of the Freshman Class and the second by members of the Junior and Sophomore Classes. Mrs. Josephine Vieth and Miss Francis Burch directed the plays. The Glee Club also gave a concert.

MARTIN-BETTAG

Miss Martha Martin surprised her many friends in Sikeston, when she was married to Mr. H. Bettag of Eldorado, Iowa, at Hayti Wednesday.

Miss Martin is a cousin of Mrs. Jno. Woods and Mr. Bettag is a prosperous farmer and is to be congratulated on winning such a fine young woman as she is capable and will make him a true helpmate.

The Standard, $1.50 per year.

MALONE AVENUE PROJECT HITS SNAG IN BENTON COURT

The paving of Malone Avenue from the Grade School to the present route of Highway 60 may be held up slightly by the refusal of the Circuit Court to accept $4091 fund offered by the City of Sikeston to hurry the work along.

Another hearing will be held Monday at which time the court will decide whether or not it has the power to accept the funds as posted.

"SPLIT SHIPMENTS" TO MARKET

C. G. Randell of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has been making a study of all the facts concerned with the co-operative marketing of livestock through associations at the terminal markets comments on the practice of "split shipments", that is "shipments in which the shipper has consigned part of his stock to the co-operative association and part to some other agency. This is the shippers' method of checking the sales and service of the agencies involved. It is also their method of testing the service of the co-operative if they have never before consigned to it. Some shippers maintain that thsi practice induces the salesmen to make greater effort to give service in handling their business.

"The practice is questianable", Mr. Randell believes. "Frequently, on small shipments, it actually costs the shipper money, for then the commissios firms do not have enough stock to grade properly, so it will show to the best advantage. When a shipper establishes contact with a co-operative association and ships to it consistently, the association understands his needs and his problems and can render him the best possible service".

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard spent Thursday in Cairo, the guests of Mrs. R. A. Moll and family.

There were 3145 pleasure car licenses and 329 truck licenses sold at the local office up to Thursday afternoon.

The condition of Sheriff E. A. Dye, who has been quite ill at his home in Benton for two weeks, was reported improved Thursday morning.

James Venerable and Charles Henson were fined $5 and costs each for disturbing the peace by trying to fight. The arrest was made by night officer Gid Daniels last Saturday.

The Lions Club had as honor guest at their Thursday dinner Phil Vial, District Governor, of Webster Groves. Mr. Ellise, who is now connected with the local Kroger Store, was introduced at the dinner also.

Barring further complications the contract for Highway 61 south to New Madrid will be let April 20. Only a few right-of-way deeds are now needed before the contract can eb let, according to a mmeber of the committee.

Notice of School Election

In accordance with the Laws of Missouri, notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Sikeston, Missouri, School District, which is Scott County School District No. 54, that the regular annual School Election will be held in said District on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928.

The polls for said election will be open in the four different wards of the City of Sikeston from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon on said Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928.

The voting places for said School Election will be located, as follows:

1. For the first ward at the City Hall.
2. For the second ward at Boyer's Garage.
3. For the third ward at the Ford Garage.
4. For the fourth ward at the office of Leslie Lumber Company.

Said election is to be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect two School Directors for a period of three years.
2. To vote on a proposition of increasing the tax for school purposes to $1.00 on each $100.00 assessed valuation in said School District.
3. To vote on a proposition of levying for building fund purposes for keeping buildings repaired and furnished the sum of forty cents on each $100.00 assessed valuation of said School District.

Done by Order of the Board of Education this 23rd day of February, 1928.

R. E. BAILEY,
Secretary Board of Education.

Notice of City Election

Notice is hereby given that the regular City Election will be held in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928. The polling places for said City Election in each of the wards of said City will be, as follows:

Sard No. 1—at City Hall.
Ward No. 2—at Boyer's Garage.
Ward No. 3—at the Ford Garage.
Ward No. 4—at the office of Leslie Lumber Co.

At said election there are to be elected the following officers:

A Mayor, City Marshal, Attorney, Police Judge, and City Collector, and one Councilman in each of the four wards of the said City of Sikeston.

The polls will be open for receiving votes continuously from six o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon, upon the aforesaid Tuesday, April 3rd, 1928.

Done by Order of the City Council of the City of Sikeston, this 5th day of March, 1928.

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ARTICLE NO. 33

Two-suited hands are held very frequently at auction and their proper bidding is both interesting and instructive. The following example hands sent in by corespondents and answered by the writer cover many of the important points that come up in two-suited hands:

Example Hand No. 1

Hearts—A, 6
Clubs—A, J, 10, 9, 6
Diamonds—A Q, 10, 9, 7
pades—2

Y
A B
Z

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart. If A passed, what should Y bid? There was a serious difference of opinion as to whether Y should pass one heart ro show his diamond suit, and the argument was referred to the writre for decision. My answer was as follows:

"There are two reasons why I advocate a bid of two diamonds: First, because of the two-suit character of your hand. If the two diamond bid is overcalled, you should then show the club suit and thus give your partner the choice. A two-suit hand, if played at the best bid for the combined hands of yourself and partner, is the strongest hand that can be held, and is usually worth from one to thre tricks more than the usual suit bid. Under these conditions, in bidding two diamonds,y ou are not decreasing your chances for game by the bid of the minor suit, but are really increasing the chances.

"Second, there are so many four-card original suits bid these days that it is seldom advisable to leave partner in if you hold only two trumps, even if one is the ace. This, of course, is optional in the usual hand, but with a two-suit holding such as you held, I would regard the two diamond bid as obligatory".

Example Hand No. 2

Hearts—Q, J, 7, 6, 3 2
Clubs—6
Diamonds—7
Spades—K, , 8, 5, 2

Y
A B
Z

No score, first game. If Z dealt and bid one club, what should A bid?

Answer: "A's poprer bid is one heart. Then if overbid, he should bid two spades. Bid in this way, A indicates to his partner that his heart suit is the better, either in top cards or in length. S uch a bid is purely defensive and partner should not expect much top strength".

Example Hand No 3

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—none
Clubs—A, Q, 9, 7, 6, 4
Diamonds—A, 7
Spades—J, 10, 8, 6, 2

Score, Y-Z 10, A-B 10, rubber game. Z dealt and bid ose club, A bid three diamonds, Y bid four clubs and B bid fourh earts. Should Z bid five clubs or show his spade suit?

Answer: "In this situation, where his partner has assisted his club suit, it would be bad practice to bid four spades. Such a bid gives more valuablei nformation to the opponents than to partner. It tells them that Z has a two-suit hand, one of the strongest types of hands that can be held, and that his chances of making game, either in clubs or spades, is much better than if clubs alone had been bid. For that reason they are more apt to bid five hearts after Z has shown two suits than if he had shown only one. The sound practice therefore would be for Z to bid five clubs over four hearts rather than four spades".

Problem No. 34

Hearts—A, K, Q, 6, 5
Clubs—A, 10, 9, 8, 6
Diamonds—none
Spades—A, 5, 4

Y
A B
Z

Rubber game. Score: Y-Z 16, A-B 20. Z dealt and bid one spade, A bid thre diamonds and Y bid three spades. What should B now bid? He holds a typical two-suiter, so consider carefully what bid by him should produce the best results. Solution in the next article.

Problem No. 35

Hearts—8, 7, 2
Clubs—10, 4, 3
Diamonds—none
Spades—9, 6, 5

Hearts—none
Clubs—9, 6, 5
Diamonds—10, 4, 3
Spades—8, 7, 2

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—9, 6, 5
Clubs—none
Diamonds—8, 7, 2
Spades—10, 4, 3

Hearts—10, 4, 3
Clubs—8, 7, 2
Diamonds—9, 6, 5
Spades—none

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z win five of the nine tricks against any defense? This problem is noteworthy because of the duplication of the holdings in a ll four hands but in different suits. This makes it more intricate. Soluti on in the next article.

It is sometime asked whether fried meats are harmful to children. Fried meats are apt to be overcooked and hard. It is better to pan-broil chops and other tender cuts for children. Only enough fat is used to keep the meat from sticking. It is seared quickly on the outside and all the juices are retained. As tough meats require long slow cooking, they are first browned lightly and then simmered until tender. Meat stews of this sort are suitable for children.

A record of family expenditures shows habits of buying. Looking back for a year a good picture of what has been bought and why it was bought can be had. One can discover the influence of advertising, of fashion, and of passing fads, whether the mail order catalogue, the installment plan, and charge accounts are a convenience or a temptation, whether bargains are bargains or unnecessary expenditures. None of these things—advertising, fashion, mail order, installment buying, or charge accounts are necessarily good or bad. It all lies in the way they are used.

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church will give a bake sale Saturday at Davey's Plumbing Shop.

It appearing that Colonel Lindbergh would appreciate a season of obscurity, we suggest that he run for Vice-President—Weston Leader.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BROWN SPUR

Dr. Haw and his assistants, Miss Brown and Mr. Stubbs, examined the pupils of the Greer school Monday. Only 5 out of the 22 examined received good health pins. Those receiving the pins were: Harold Dunham, Linley Heisserer, Charles Walker, Walker, Loren Crawford and Elma Heisserer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and family visited at Bennie Walker's, Sunday.

Theo and Joe Dye have been out of school this week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellison visited at Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gleuck's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simpson and family visited relatives in Sikeston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fine visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holaway. Sunday.

Fred and Holaway, Cecil McCloud Misses Vicie Dye and Ruth Holaway went car riding, Sunday.

Herman Osborne visited school on Wednesday.

Watch for the date of the cyphering match between the Greer school and West Tanner school next week.

Misses Theo and Vicie Dye were the guests of Miss Ruth Holaway, Sunday.

PAYING WHEN DUE IS HELPING YOURSELF AND HELPING OTHERS

Collectively, as a community, we pay our debts promptly when they are due. If we did not do this, if we repudiated our bonds, our promise to pay, no one would again buy our bonds, no one would trust us. Collectively, as a community, we refuse to incur any indebtedness that we cannot pay. We do not do the things that call for expenditures that we cannot afford. If we cannot afford to to buy new schoolhouses, new road paving, or other public improvements, we do without them, because we cannot afford as a community to impair our credit, the most valuable asset we have.

What is true of us collectively is also true of us an individuals. When we, as individuals, fail to pay what we owe when it is due we have sacrificed our most valuable assets, our credit rating.

When we say to one of our merchants, "Sell me merchandise and I will pay the first of next month", we should be sure of our ability to pay the first of next month, and be prompt in the settlement of that account on that date. The merchant who sells us merchandise must pay the man from whom he purchased the merchandise when he has promised to pay or he cannot buy more; he has sacrificed his credit. When he sells to us he must depend upon us to pay to make it possible for him to pay. If we do not pay we have not only sacrificed our own credit, but have aided materially in sacrificing the credit of others.

So it is that the business of not paying when due affects our entire community circle, and credit is the keystone of our community prosperity. So long as all of us pay what we owe when it is due the waters of our collective credit are unruffled, but for any one of us to fail is but the dropping of a pebble into the ruffled waters; the disturbance spreads until the entire circle is affected.

If we are to prosper as individuals we cannot think only of ourselves. We must think in collective terms, for as we live collectively, we prosper or fail collectively. The prosperity or failure of any one of us affects the prosperity or failure of all. Paying our debts as individuals means the prosperity of the community as a whole. Failure to pay as individuals means, at least, the impairment of the credit of all.

"HULA" COLORFUL SOUTH SEA ROMANCE, STARS CLARA BOW

Clara Bow is now a "keike wahini Lalau".

Sounds terrible, but that is the part she portrays—a flapper of Hawaii—in her latest starring Paramount vehicle "Hula" which comes to the Malone Theatre for a two-day run starting Monday.

When Miss Bow read Armine Von Tempski's popular novel she begged studio officials to buy it for her. The Paramount corporation lost no time in securing the rights, agreeing that it undoubtedly was one of the best they could obtain for her.

"Hula" is a story of social life on Hawaii; of an American girl born and raised on "the crossroads of the Pacific" who remains herself amid an artificial atmosphere created by an irresponsible set of "fast livers".

In this interesting but strange situation comes Clive Brook, leading man. The troubles of lively Miss Bow in obtaining her real love make up one of the most fascinating screen tales of the day. Romance, color, smiles and tears are all rolled together in this fast moving story.

The production was directed by Victor Fleming, famous for his success with "Mantrap" then "The Rough Riders" and more recently "The Way of All Flesh" starring Emil Jannings. In addition to Mr. Brook, who has demonstrated himself one of the most popular leading men of the day, Miss Bow is supported by a hand-picked cast consisting of Arlette Marchal, Arnold Kent, Albert Gran and Agostino Borgato, Doris Anderson adapted the novel. The screen play was prepared by Ethel Doherty.

Local and Personal

Henry Comer returned Wednesday from a business trip to St. Louis.

Miss Daisy Garden will go to St. Louis tonight (Thursday) on business.

Tally Sams has returned home from Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Forrester were in Cape Girardeau, Wednesday afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. T. B. Dudley and Miss Florence Baker returned from Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday.

Mrs. Betty Matthews went to St. Louis Friday to visit a few days with her grandchildren, who are in school in that city.

Mr, and Mrs. J. O. Bebout and little daughter of Bertrand will be the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Forrester, Friday evening.

Mrs. Alvin Taylor and children and Mrs. Grover Baker and daughters, Margaret and Lucille, attended the show, "King of Kings", at Cairo, Tuesday.

Mrs. John Fox is at the bedside of her father, David Lewis, of Bertrand, who suffered aparalytic stroke Sunday and who has been critically ill this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Heatherington of Kansas City and Miss Satterlee of Detroit, Mich., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. McClure Tuesday and Wednesday while enroute from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Layton spent Thursday night in Bertrand as guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. O. Bebout and family and attended the home talent play put on by the Miner Community Association.

The State Highway Department, prohibited by law to insure its employees or to assume rseponsibility for accidents is working on a plan whereby the employees may be insured under a blanket policy.

Mrs. Alvin Taylor entertained with a dinner complimenting Miss Daisy Garden on her birthday, Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for Miss Garden, Mrs. Otis Brown, Mrs. Grover Baker, Mrs. Marshall Myers, Miss Bradley and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews returned from St. Louis, Tuesday night.

Dr. C. W. Limbaugh retuurned from St. Louis Tuesday. where he has been buying dental equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews are entertaining with a bridge dinner on Thursday evening for Cape Girardeau friends.

Mesdames Wallace Applegate and Emma Kendall and Steve Applegate and Billie Anderson spepnt Tuesday in Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeane Hirschberg and babe of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday afternoon in Sikeston as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman.

Henry Hunter and Vernon Skillman of St. Louis are expected to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skillman.

The retail lumbermen of Southeast Missouri closed their convention at Cape Girardeau Thursday night with a banquet at the Idan-Ha Hotel. The men had been in conference for two days. Mayor Ed Fuchs of Sikeston attended the meeting.

Mrs. Betty Matthews entertained Thursday with a 12:00 o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for Mesdames Mollie Marshall, Hal Galeener, J. H. Yount, John L. Tanner, Alfred Moore, A. B. Skillman, Florence Marshall, I. H. Dunaway of Morehouse, W. R. Griffin of Morehouse and Misses Kate Austin and Mayme Marshall.

The Standard, $1.50 per year.

Senator Reed says the issue this year should be corruption, which means that he would have even the Presidential canvass done in oils.—Virginian-Pilot.

Now they say some one has been trying to corner all the asbestos. Well, there is nothing like being prepared.—American Lumberman (Chicago).

Make orange gelatine sometimes for dessert—using fresh oranges. Put one envelope or ounce of gelatin into one-half cup of cold water to soften for about two minutes. Squeeze as many oranges as you need to make two and one-fourth cups of strained juice and add the juice of half a lemon to intensify the flavor. Put one cup of water on to heat with three-fourths of a cup of sugar or less, depending on the acidity of the fruit. When the sirup is boiling, take it from the fire and put the moistened geflatin into it. Stir until the gelatin is entirely dissolved, and mix with the orange and lemon juice. The latter are not cooked at all. Strain into a large mold or individual molds. This dessert needs no sauce, but you may serve soft custard with it or plain or whipped cream.

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Dale corrected him quickly.

"No, the other one—that's the house phone."

Anderson looked the apparatus over.

"No connection with the outside, eh?"

"No," said Dale, absent-mindedly. "Just from room to room in the house."

He accepted her explanation and answered the other telephone.

"Hello—hello—what the—" He moved the receiver hook up and down, without result, and gave it up. "This line sounds dead," he said.

"It was all right a few minutes ago," said Dale, without thinking.

"You were using it a few minutes ago?"

She hesitated—what use to deny what she had already admitted, for all practical purposes.

"Yes."

The city telephone rang again. The detective pounced upon it.

"Hello—yes—yes—this is Anderson—go ahead." He paused, while the tiny voice in the receiver buzzed for some seconds. Then he interrupted it impatiently.

"You're sure of that, are you? I see. All right. 'By.'"

He hung up the receiver and turned swiftly on Dale.

"That was headquarters, Miss Ogden. They have found some letters in Bailey's room which seem to indicate that you were not telling the entire truth just now."

He paused, waiting for her answer. "What letters?" she said wearily.

"From you to Jack Bailey—showing that you had recently became engaged to him."

Dale decided to make a clean breast of it—or as clean a one as she dared.

"Very well," she said in an uneven voice, "that's true."

"Why didn't you say so before?" There was menace beneath his suavity. He came closer to Dale, fixing her with his eyes. "Do you know where Bailey is now?" He spoke slowly and menacingly.

She did not flinch.

"No."

The detective paused.

"Miss Ogden," he said, still with that hidden threat in his voice, "in the last minute or so the Union bank case and certain things in this house have begun to tie up pretty close together. Bailey disappeared this morning. Have you heard from him since?"

Her eyes met his without weakening—her voice was cool and composed.

"No."

The detective did not comment on her answer—she could not tell from his face whether he thought she had told the truth or lied. He turned away from her brusquely.

"I'll ask you to bring Miss Van Gorder here," he said in his professional voice. "This case is taking on a new phase."

"You don't think I know anything about that money?" she said, a little wildly, hoping that a display of sham anger might throw him off the trail he seemed to be following.

He seemed to accept her words, cynically, at their face value.

"No," he said, "but you know somebody who does."

Dale hesitated—sought for a biting retort—found none. It did not matter—any respite, no matter how momentary, from these probing questions, would be a relief. She silently took one of the lighted candles and left the living room to search for her aunt.

Left alone, the detective reflected for a moment, then picking up the one lighted candle that remained, commenced a systematic examination of the living room. His methods were thorough, but if, when he came to the end of his quest, he had made any new discoveries, the reticent composure of his face did not betray the fact. When he had finished he turned patiently toward the billiard room—the little flame of his candle was swallowed up in its dark recesses—he closed the door of the living room behind him. The storm was dying away, now, but a few flashes of lightning still flickered, lighting up the darkness of the deserted living room now and then with a harsh, brief glare.

A lightning flash—a shadow cast abruptly on the shade of one of the French windows, to disappear as abruptly as the flash was blotted out—the shadow of a man—a prowler—feeling his way through the lightning-slashed darkness to the terrace door. The detective? Brooks? The Bat? The lightning flash was too brief for any observer to have recognized the stealing shape—if any observer had been there.

But the lack of an observer was promptly remedied. Just as the shadowy shape reached the terrace door and its shadow-fingers closed over the knob, Lizzie entered the deserted living room on stumbling feet. She was carrying a tray of dishes and food—a roll—a butter pat—and she walked slowly, with terror only one leap behind her, and blank darkness ahead.

She had only reached the table and was preparing to deposit her tray and beat a shameful retreat, when a sound behind her made her turn. The key in the door from the terrace to the alcove had clicked. Paralyzed with fright she stared and waited, and the next moment a formless thing, a blacker shadow in a world of shadows, passed swiftly in and up the small staircase.

But not only a shadow. To Lizzie's terrified eyes it bore an eye, a single gleaming eye, just above the level of the stair-rail, and this eye was turned on her.

It was too much. She dropped the tray on the table with a crash and gave vent to a piercing shriek that would have shamed the siren of a fire engine.

Miss Cornelia and Anderson, rushing in from the hall and the billiard room respectively, each with a lighted candle, found her gasping and clutching at the table for support.

"For the love of heaven, what's wrong?" cried Miss Cornelia irritatedly. The coffee pot she was carrying in her other hand spilled a portion of its boiling contents on Lizzie's shoe and Lizzie screamed anew and began to dance up and down on the uninjured foot.

"Oh, my foot—my foot!" she squealed, hysterically. "My foot!"

Miss Cornelia tried to shake her back to her senses.

"My patience! Did you yell like that because you stubbed your toe?"

"You scalded it!" cried Lizzie, wildly. "It went up the staircase!"

"Your toe went up the staircase?"

"No, no! An eye—an eye as big as a saucer! It ran right up that staircase—" She indicated the alcove with a trembling forefinger. Miss Cornelia put her coffee pot and her candle down on the table and opened her mouth to express her frank opinion of her factotum's sanity. But here the detective took charge.

"Now, see here," he said with some sternness to the quaking Lizzie, "stop this racket and tell me what you saw!"

"A ghost!" persisted Lizzie, still hopping around on one leg. "It came right through that door and ran up the stairs—oh—" and she seemed prepared to scream again as Dale, white-faced, came in from the hall, followed by Billy and Brooks, the latter holding still another candle.

"Who screamed?" said Dale, tensely.

"I did!" Lizzie wailed, "I saw a ghost!" She turned to Miss Cornelia, "I begged you not to come here," she vociferated, "I begged you on my bended knees. There's a graveyard not a quarter of a mile away."

"Yes, and one more scare like that, Lizzie Allen, and you'll have me lying in it," said her mistress unsympathetically. She moved up to examine the scene of Lizzie's ghostly misadventure, while Anderson began to interrogate its heroine.

"Now, Lizzie," he said, forcing himself to urbanity, "what did you really see?"

"I told you what I saw."

His manner grew somewhat threatening.

"You're not trying to frighten Miss Van Gorder into leaving this house and going back to the city?"

"Well, if I am," said Lizzie, with grim, unconscious humor, "I'm giving myself an awful good scare, too, ain't I?"

The two glared at each other, as Miss Cornelia returned from her survey of the alcove.

"Somebody who had a key could have got in here, Mr. Anderson," she said, annoyedly. "That terrace door's been unbolted from the inside."

The detective recovered his poise. "I think I see the answer to your puzzle, Miss Van Gorder," he said, with a scornful glance at Lizzie. "A hysterical and not very reliable woman, anxious to go back to the city and terrified over and over by the shutting off of the electric light."

Miss Van Gorder considered his theory. "I wonder," she said.

The detective rubbed his hands together more cheerfully.

"A good night's sleep and—" he began, but the irrepressible Lizzie interrupted him.

"My God, we're not going to bed, are we?" she said, with her eyes as big as saucers.

He gave her a kindly pat on the shoulder, which she obviously resented.

"You'll feel better in the morning," he said. "Lock your door and say your prayers, and leave the rest to me."

Lizzie muttered something inaudible and rebellious, but now Miss Cornelia added her protestations to his.

"That's very good advice," she said decisively. "You take her, Dale."

Reluctantly, with a dragging of feet and scared glances cast back over her shoulder, Lizzie allowed herself to be drawn toward the door and the main staircase by Dale. But she did not depart without one Parthian shot.

"I'm not going to bed!" she wailed, as Dale's strong young arm helped her out into the hall. "Do you think I want to wake up in the morning with my throat cut?" Then the creaking of the stairs, and Dale's soothing voice reassuring her as she painfully clambered toward the third floor, announced that Lizzie, for some time at least, had been removed as an active factor from the puzzling equation of Cedarcrest.

Anderson confronted Miss Cornelia with certain relief.

"There are certain things I want to discuss with you, Miss Van Gorder," he said. "But they can wait until tomorrow morning. You go upstairs and go to bed comfortably. I'll make a careful search of the house before I settle down, and if I find anything at all suspicious, I'll promise to let you know."

She agreed to that, and after sending the Jap out for more coffee, prepared to go upstairs.

Never had the thought of her own comfortable bed appealed to her so much. But, in spite of her weariness, she could not quite resign herself to take Lizzie's story as lightly as the detective seemed to.

"If what Lizzie says is true," she said, taking her candle, "the upper floors of the house are even less safe than this one."

"I imagine Lizzie's account just now is about as reliable as her previous one as to her age," Anderson assured her. "I'm certain you need not worry. Just go on up and get your beauty sleep; I'm sure you need it."

On which ambiguous remark Miss Van Gorder took her leave, rather grimly smiling.

If was after she had gone that Anderson's glance fell on Brooks, standing warily in the doorway.

"What are you? The gardener?"

But Brooks was prepared for him.

"Ordinarily I drive a car," he said. "Just now I'm working on the place here."

Anderson was observing him closely, with the eyes of a man ransacking his memory for a name—a picture. "I've seen you somewhere—" he went on slowly. "And I'll—place you before long." There was a little threat in his shrewd scrutiny. He took a step towards Brooks.

"Not in the portrait gallery at headquarters, are you?"

"Not yet," Brooks' voice was resentful. Then he remembered his pose and his back grew supple—his whole attitude that of the respectful servant.

"Well, we slip up now and then," said the detective, slowly. Then, apparently, he gave up his search for

"What Are You? The Gardener?"

the name—the pictured face. But his manner was still suspicious.

"All right, Brooks," he said tersely, "if you're needed in the night, you'll be called!"

Brooks bowed. "Very well, sir." He closed the door softly behind him, glad to have escaped as well as he had.

But that he had not entirely lulled the detective's watchfulness to rest was evident as soon as he had gone. Anderson waited a few seconds, then moved noiselessly over to the hall door—listened—opened it suddenly—closed it again. Then he proceeded to examine the alcove—the stairs, where the gleaming eye had wavered like a corpse-candle before Lizzie's affrighted vision. He tested the terrace door and bolted it. How much truth had there been in her story? He could not decide—but he drew out his revolver nevertheless and gave it a quick inspection to see if it were in working order. A smile crept over his face—the smile of a man who has dangerous work to do, and does not shrink from the prospect. He put the revolver back in his pocket, and, taking the one lighted candle remaining, went out by the hall door, as the storm burst forth in fresh fury and the window panes of the living room rattled before a new reverberation of thunder.

For a moment, in the living room, expect for the thunder, all was silence. Then the creak of surreptitious footsteps broke the stillness—light footsteps descending the alcove stairs where the gleaming eye had passed.

It was Dale, slipping out of the house to keep her appointment with Richard Fleming. She carried a raincoat over her arm and a pair of rubbers in one hand. Her other hand held a candle. By the terrace door she paused, unbolted it, glanced out into the streaming night with a shiver. Then she came into the living room and sat down to put on her rubbers.

Hardly had she begun to do so when she started up again. A muffled knocking sounded at the terrace door. It was ominous and determined, and in a panic of terror she rose to her feet. If it was the law, come after Jack, what would she do? Or again, suppose it was the Unknown who had threatened them with death? Not coherent thoughts these, but chaotic, bringing panic with them. Almost unconscious of what she was doing, she reached into the drawer beside her, secured the revolver there and leveled it at the door.

(Continued Tuesday)

TRY THIS

By EDNA PURDY WALSH

Exposing a Funnel Secret

THE simple funnel usually lies hidden in the utensil drawer, and is used so seldom that it is dusty when the occasion arises for it to be taken out to assist in pouring into a small necked bottle or jar. There are daily uses for the funnel, however, and one of them is its practicability as an egg separator. The white of the egg quickly drops into the dish below, leaving the yolk intact at the funnel neck.

Many housekeepers find the funnel an excellent mold for salads. A domestic science teacher originated a

new cake by placing a funnel in the deep cake dish, upside down. When the cake is baked a graduated hollow is left in the center to be filled with whipped cream or gelatin.

The funnel also serves as a pastry decorator in the emergency, and in the event occasioned by the breaking of the glass percolator top, a funnel placed upright over the center spot will prevent the coffee from flying into the air. The sides of the funnel will drop it back again into the pot.

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SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

W. C. Cannon of Morley is building a 10x12 Missouri Type Colony House.

Mrs. Adam Felter of Benton has fifty-two Buff Plymouth Rock chicks that weigh from 1¼ to 1¾ lbs. each. Mr. and Mrs. Felter attended the baby chick schools at Benton and at Cape Girardeau which was held during the Farmers' Week.

Albert Brase of Benton unloaded a car load of Jersey heifers for Hoffman and Linke. These animals will be distributed among the men who are farming with this company.

W. C. Harmon of Commerce received enoughs trawberry plants to set out two acres.

Albert Brase, five miles east of Benton, is setting out three acres of strawberries this week.

166 Bushel Per Acre Wins Corn Contest

Proof that proper methods applied to the corn crop can produce big yields under southern conditions was again furnished by the performance of Elstner Beall of Wilson, Ark., who won the South Wide Corn Production Contest for Vocational Students.

Young Beall produced 166.39 bushels of corn per acre on the black loam soil of Mississippi County, Ark. The land had been in alfalfa six years ago followed by five years of cotton before this corn was pplanted. The land was flatb roken on March 1, using a ten-inch turning plow and disked late in April. On May 1 three-foot rows were laid off with a middle-burster and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda distributed in the middle. Fertilizer was bedded out with a 14-inch middle-burster. On May 15 it was harrowed flat and the corn was planted with a one-horse planter. A peck and one-half of pure Delta Profilic seed corn was planted on the two acres in the patch. A perfect stand was reported within eight days and beginning June 1 the corn was cultivated about 4 inches deep with sweeps on the cultivator. Four more cultivations were given at intervals of about ten days using the same tool.

A side application of one hundred pounds of nitrate per acre was applied when the corn was about knee high. The final cultivation came on July 10, using sweeps which left the row bat and the soil is loose mechanical condition. The use of pure seed, proper amount of seed, and intensive cultivation was reported as eliminating the chopping and thinning. Young Beall worked 104 hours in the production of this corn and hired 46 hours of labor. The charges were $81.72. The credits were $342.02 and, therefore, this project yielded a labor income of $260.30.

Outlook For Farm Products

A survey of the price situation for January and February indicates that pork prices may increases lightly until late March or early April, according to H. C. Hensley of the Missouri College of Agriculture, based on the usual price trend. Cattle receipts are low and a steady market is expected with the range between feeder and kille rsteers at Chicago narrow.

Lamb supplies should be larger than last year with most of the purchases in western markets with fewer available in the east than usual. Should market early for best prices.

Butter importation has been checked due to lower prices, but with abundant home-grown food available, are not expected to rise. In spite of apparenti ncreased shipments of corn, the future trend is uncertain. Europe needs corn and large purchases might strengthen the market, but preference for the Argentine product may cause buyers to hold off, until the Argentine crop is available and, therefore, the expected increase in demand may not fully materialize.

At the garden meeting being held in Scott County this week, one of the questions that aroused the most lively discussion was, "How much of each garden crop shall we plant?" The best answer to this question is supplied in a circular on vegetable growing printed this spring by the Missouri College of Agriculture. In this circular the amounts needed to supply a fmaily of five with vegetables to eat fresh in summer and to can or store for winter use are given as follows:

Asparagus, 150 feet or row, rhubarb, 60 feet early potatoes 300 feet, anions by sets) 200 feet, radishes 50 feet, followed by successive plantings, spinach 100 feet, lettuce 50 feet, early ppeas 300 feet, early cabbage 200 feet, baets 50 feet, onions (from seed) 200 feet, carrots 100 feet, parsnips 100 feet, chard 50 feet, snap beans 300 feet.

Sweet corn 300 feet, sweet potatoes 400 feet, early tomatoes 100 feet, late tomatoes 300 feet, cucumbers 75 feet, summer squash 25 feet, turnips 400 feet, winter squash 100 feet, Chinese cabbage 100 feet, and pole beans 300 feet.

This circular is Station Circular 167, "Vegetable Growing in Missouri" and it will be found to contain complete directions for every step in planting and cultivating the home garden. A free copy may be obtained from the county agent's office at Benton, or from the Missouri College of Agriculture at Columbia.

Select Soybean Seed Now.

Choice of soybean seed should be made now while seed is available, so that the seed best suited to meet local requirements can be secured, asserts County Agent Renner. Numerous varieties are being grown but repeated seed and hay tests show that in Missouri none are superior to Morse, Midwest, Haberlandt, Virginia Wilson and Laredo.

Morse, Midwest and Haberlandt are on good land, the best varieties for seed. They are especially adapted to the more fertile soils of Southeast Missouri. Morse, being earlier in maturity than Midwest, is better adapted to the extreme northern part of the State. It also holds its seed better after maturity than does the latter. However, Midwest is more conveniently harvested with regular farm machinery.

Haberlandt is an excellent seed variety, especially on the better soils. It is a spreading type, however, and is comparatively difficult to harvest for seed. On average to poor soils its growth is dwarfed and it may prove almost impossible to harvest with a grain binder. It is one of the best varieties for planting in corn when the combined crop is to be hogged off.

Virginias and Laredos are superior to all other varieties on poor, upland soils, and are especially well adapted to the poorly drained soils of Scott County. They are also preferred on the thinner sandy soils of Southeast Missouri.

Laredos are grown on thinner soil than are Virginias, likewise, will make slightly greater tonnage of green crop than any other variety.

Wilson variety makes better yields on poor soils than do either Morse or Midwest, but not equal to Virginia. On medium fertile soils, it is well suited for seed, but on rich land the tendency to fall down before harvest is objectionable. Both Wilson and Virginia are preferred for hay as they produce fine-stemmed plants with an abundance of leaves, making a better quality hay.

Time from planting to the maturity of the seed is 110 days for Morse, 1920 days for Midwest, 110 for Haberlandt, 105 for Wilson, 110 for Virginia, and 110-130 for Laredos. Morse, has yellow green seed, medium large and roughly rounded; Midwest had medium small and somewhat flattened seed with the seed scar the same color as the seed coat; Haberlandt had large, roughly rounded, yellow seed with a nearly black seed scar; Wilson has a glossy black, medium to small, kidney-shaped seed and Virginia has a tan or brown, medium small, flat and kidney-shaped one.

Ten Reasons Win Hog Contest

Winning reasons for producing pork by the Grow-Thrifty-Pigs method, offered by Mark Ripperger, Howard County farmer, who won a portable hog house for the ten best reasons in competition with 974 other farmers eligible to compete in his county, explain that disease is controlled, more pigs raised per sow with less feed, feeding time shortened and better farming boosted.

The reasons for practicing the grow thrifty methods, as reported by Dan E. Miller, county extension agent for the Missouri College of Agriculture, are listed below.

1. It is the only way to keep the pigs free from the round worm that causes so much unthriftiness.
2. It keeps pigs free from filth bacteria such as necro.
3. It helps raise more pigs per sow.
4. It takes less feed.
5. It lessens veterinary bills.
6. It induces the farmer to rotate his crops; for to have clean pens, one must rotate crops.
7. Induces the farmer to sow more legumes for pig pasture which will help build up the soil.
8. With the grow-thrifty-pigs method, one can put a 200-pound hog on the market at six months, where otherwise, it would take eight to ten months.
9. It makes more dollars on the hogs and makes it in less time.
10. By the grow-thrifty-pigs method, the mortgage is lifted from the farm in less time.

The contest was held in Howard county to promote sanitary methods of pork production that are being adopted throughout the State. A better understanding of the method and results insures its adoption.

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NEWS and COMEDY

Admission 10c and 25c

SATURDAY
Continuous show—2:30 to 10:30

TIM McCOY in

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Action! Action! Action! Never have you seen a picture with the rapid-fire speed and action of this one! A girl leads the way across the great Oregon Trail—truly the road to romance. McCoy, as the resourceful Indian fighter, as the dashing lover, is at his best. SEE IT!

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Continuous Show 2:30 to 10:30.
2:30 to 6:30 Admission 10c & 25c
6:30 to 10:30 Admission 15c & 25c

MONDAY
Afternoon and Evening
The "IT" Girl Hits Again
CLARA BOW in

"HULA"

Happy, dashing, carefree Clara, the madcap of the screen, as a tantalizing tease of the tropics who holds her heart aloof from the men who swarm about her—until a handsome young Englishman comes to visit her father's mansion.

with CLIVE BROOK

NEWS and COMEDY

Bargain Matinee Every Monday at 3 p. m. Admission 10c and 25c
Nite 7:00 p. m. 15c and 35c

FOR SALE—120-egg incubator in good condition.—Mrs. Wade Malcolm, phone 903F3. tf.

FOR SALE—Purebred Buff Orpington eggs 75c per setting of 15.—Mrs. F. E. King one and a half miles north of Minner Switch. 6t pd.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms on Ruth Street.—Mrs. Bert Gentry. 1t

FOR RENT—2 rooms for light housekeping.—Mrs. R. E. Limbaugh. Phone 276.

I want to trade a 5-room house and two lots, good outbuildings, for 40 or 60 acres farm. Would rent 40 acres. Can furnish self.—John T. Gray. 3tpd.

HAIG ARKLIN HAS ART EXHIBIT AT HIGH SCHOOL

Most of the students of the Sikeston High School and about half of those of the Grade School saw an art exhibit at the High School Building Wednesday afternoon.

Haig Arklin displayed oil reproductions of fifteen of the world's masterpieces, including Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, and the Madonna of the Chair. Mr. Arklin explained the history and signifiance of each picture.

The Standard $1.50. per year.

Frank (Shower) Trousdale, Joe (Poach Chi) Albright and Gilbert (Butts) Hopper left Sikeston Wednesday for Flint. Mich., to work.

Mrs. J. P. Whidden was elected president of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church at a called meeting Monday night Mrs. J. L. Green, the former president, is leaving town. After the election a dinner and farewell party was given for Mrs. Green, when the class presented her with a setof salad forks.

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SOCIAL CONFERENCE AT MEMPHIS MAY 2-9

Memphis, Tenn., March 22.—Rural social and health problems will have a prominent place in the program of the National Conference of Social Work, which meets here May 2-9, and a number of speakers of national and inter-national prominence will participate in the discussion of those problems.

Plans for the conference are well advanced and the indications point to one of the most successful meetings in the history of the organization. Railroads of the country have announced reduced fares for visitors to the conferences. Hotel reservations have already exceeded 1200 and the volume of requests for accommodations increases daily.

Many important subjects pertaining to social service work in the United States and particularly in the South, will receive the attention of the conference and the forty-odd kindred organizations which will hold their meetings here at the same time. Of chief interest in the list are such problems as health education, family welfare, child care and community betterment. Virtually the entire field will receive attention.

A special effort is being made by the local committees to encourage the attendance of social workers and laymen from the smaller communities of the South and a record attendance is forecast. It is estimated that approximately 5000 men and women, representing every section of the country, will attend the sessions of the conference and its allied groups.

The Standard, $1.50 per year.

COOLIDGE AGAIN DECLINES TO RUN, IN ANSWER TO PLEA

Washington, March 21.—President Coolidge has declined a request of the Wyoming Republican State Central Committee that he announce his candidacy for re-election.

Through his secretary the President advised L. C. Hinkle, chairman of the committee, that he could not accept the committee's request that he "waive his personal preference and consent to continue for an additional four years that leadership which has brought honor and prosperity to this country".

President Coolidge's letter, signed by his secretary, Everett Sanders, said:

"The President has received your letter of the seventeenth enclosing a coppy of the resolution adopted by the Republican State Committee of Wyoming, March 10. While he, of course, very greatly appreciates and thanks you for the expression of confidence, the President directs me to say that he must decline to grant the request of the committee".

FOR SALE—Fresh whipping cream, delivered. Call 81. tf.

WANTED—Laundry work. Quilts and blankets a specialty.—Mrs. Ethel Davis, 432 North Street. tf.

FOR SALE—Ford sedan, new tires and top, good mechanical condition. Terms, cash.—Brown Jewell, Constable, City Hall. 1tpd.

WANTED—Teacher, June 1st, to fill good position in our educational department during the summer; position can be made permanent; good salary. Write The Frontier Press Company, Dept. L, 704 American Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.